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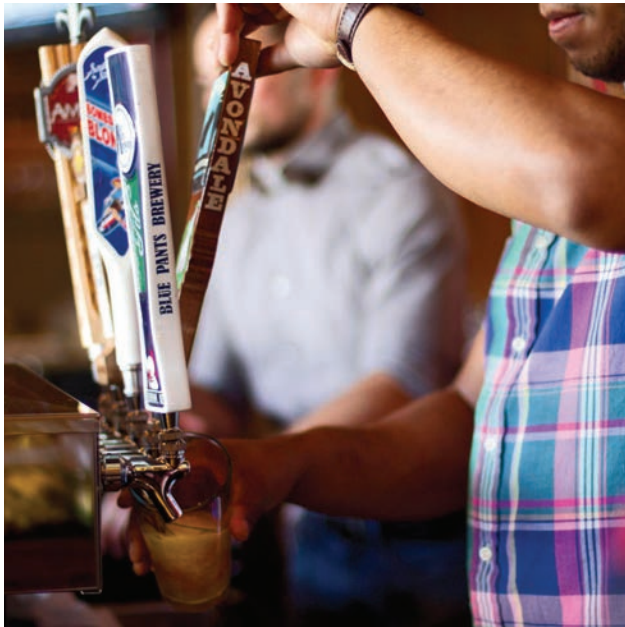




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Opening Remarks

Dunkin' Donuts Iced Coffee Is Delicious

**Sorry about that**, but the bean counters insisted we could generate some additional revenue for the *Beachcomber* media empire by selling advertising on our actual article titles. This does not make me a whore, however, because I truly believe Dunkin' Donuts Iced Coffee is delicious.

But on to more important matters.

Beachcomber Music Awards Hall of Famer **Franko "Washboard" Jackson** recently had his liver transplant, and he appears to be on the road to recovery. I'm assuming so, since his Facebook feed hasn't posted any health status updates in a while. On the other hand, he's sharing lots of funny anti-Trump memes.

I own a couple of Washboard paintings—portraits of Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup and Hank Williams—that I cherish, but I cherish the man who painted them even more. Hope to see you soon, friend.

Speaking of bleeding heart liberals, **Leonard Pitts Jr.** is filling in for Carl Hiaasen this issue. I can only hope Mr. Hiaasen is taking some time off to write a new novel. He's one of the greatest (and funniest) storytellers around.

There are two intriguing articles in this issue that scream "Fake News!" One is about a hurricane barrier reef, the other about an underwater art museum.



**Editor Manson** (far right, even though he's a bleeding heart liberal) with musician (and occasional BEACHCOMBER contributor) **Bruce Salmon** and the legendary **Alejandro Escovedo**, following a soul-shaking performance by Escovedo and his band, plus Tallahassee's **Pat Puckett**, at Vinyl Music Hall in Pensacola. Lots of great concerts are coming up at Vinyl, in particular the Aug. 4 show with rockabilly great **Wanda Jackson** and our own **Nik Flagstar** and **His Dirty Mangy Dogs**.

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**Andy Saczynski** (Cover) is best known for his mixed media assemblage art, finding his inspiration through music and Florida's landscape and wildlife. He has been an Emerald Coast local since childhood and opened his Grayton Beach gallery in 2012. Andy's most notable awards include being named South Walton's Artist of the Year in 2013 and being voted Best Local Artist multiple times. The artwork on the cover is one of several pieces commissioned by Jim Shirley and Kelli Castille for their restaurant Baytowne Provisions.

**Devin “Deezy” Anderson** (Record Roundup) has been a staple of the entertainment scene here for close to a decade. He’s a radio personality and DJ on Fort Walton Beach’s Q92 (“Hit Music Now”) and has several national writing and production credits under his belt. Deezy is the owner and operator of RTR Multimedia and a member of Elevated Underground Entertainment.

**Marilu Morgan** (Recommended Reading), a nature lover who grew up in the mountains of northeast Alabama, lives in Destin with husband Chatham, daughter Carla May, and beagles Pocket and Hayduke. She blogs about beagles, babies and books at [marilumorgan.com](http://marilumorgan.com).

**Jenna Taylor** (Outdoors) is an avid outdoorswoman, content creator and writer. Born and raised in Kentucky, she now lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

**Hunter Forbes** (Outdoors) is owner and guide at 30A Guide Service and Southern Whitetail Outfitters. He's also a freelance outdoor photographer and lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

**Nikki Hedrick** (Luke Langford), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer, longtime *Beachcomber* contributor and co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment.

**Joni Williams** (Commentary) enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too. Most of the time.

**Jane Morgan** (Record Roundup, Stream On) lives in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in Destin. She graduated from New York University, where she studied music branding and criticism.

**Samantha Lambert** (Kadan and Brooklyn Rockett) has been back in Florida almost a year now, and she loves it. "The weather is beautiful, and I love catching up with old friends again," she says. "And I have really enjoyed writing stories for *Beachcomber*!"

See if you can figure out which one is for realsies.

We recently expanded our distribution of the print edition of *Beachcomber* out in the 30A area, but we're still not going to put one of those damn stickers on our car.

I regret the absence of our wildly popular Pet of the Issue feature this go-round. We had someone on board, but they failed to secure a signed release from their four-legger, something our legal team insists upon. Happily, our Outdoors correspondent **Jenna Kaye Taylor** provided two whole pages of photos of her adorable new Lab puppy.

If you'd like to feature your furry friend in this publication, email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**. *Beachcomber* loves dogs, but we're open to including cats, rats, horses and other exotic animals, too. Talking to you, **Nonie** from Nonie's Ark Animal Encounters!

Finally, can someone please explain to me what “Despacito” means? I’ve tried to order it at all the Hispanic restaurants around town, but the people there just look at me funny.

- *Editor Manson*

**YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS**  
Charles, thank you for so articulately remembering my father, Vic Gold (“Never Ending Circles” by Charles Morgan III, July 13-26 *Beachcomber*). The Gold children learned the same thing you did, that “discussing” politics at the top of one’s lungs has nothing to do with how much people like or love each other. Thanks for sharing these

wonderful memories of friendship.  
- *Stephen Gold, McLean, Virginia*

One of the hardest working men  
in show business ("Beachcomber  
Profiles—Bob Cushing," July 13-26  
*Beachcomber*)!

- Tim Duffy

Thanks so much for the wonderful article about the museum ("Preserving the History of the World's Luckiest Fishing Village" by Samantha Lambert, June 29-July 12 *Beachcomber*)!

- Kathy Marler Blue, Destin

*Kathy Marler Blue is the executive director of the Destin History and Fishing Museum.*

## TWEET OF THE WEEK

From **@Corey\_Feldman**, who was featured in our July 13-26 issue:

AMAZINGLY WELL WRITTEN &  
HONEST ARTICLE. MANY THANX 2  
THE AUTHOR

Thanks, Corey, and thank you, **Nikki Hedrick**, for your wonderful contributions to *Beachcomber*.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Turns out our beloved Nikki won't be getting that huge raise any time soon. She mistakenly wrote in last issue's Record Roundup that Jamie from Jamie Lou and the Hullabaloes used to be in the band Wild Fruit. We appreciate our fearless music correspondent owning up to the untruth, but unfortunately, this has caused more irreparable damage than President Trump screaming at a group of Boy Scouts.

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# Sandestin Wine Festival Raises Over \$65,000 for Local Charities

**The 31st Annual** Sandestin Wine Festival, the most established and continuously running wine festival in the Florida Panhandle, announced recently that the organization donated \$65,920 to two deserving local charities. The proceeds are from the four-day event held this past spring at the Village of Baytowne Wharf at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort.

Due to the success of this year's festival and sold-out grand tasting events on Friday and Saturday, both the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and Sandestin Foundation for Kids were presented with checks totaling \$32,960 each.

"This event continues to bring a wide range of experiences for guests, wine experts from across the globe, and hard to find selections of wine. But we want the Sandestin Wine Festival's focus to remain on the local community," said **Alan Meyers**, the Village of Baytowne Wharf executive director.

"With the help of sponsorships, community partners, and the continued support of our festival from the locals and visitors alike, we were able increase our giving from last year. We hope to continue to ultimately benefit our local nonprofits in need."

"We are blessed with community partners and volunteers with big hearts who believe like we do that family



**Michaela Trawick**, intern for Fisher House of the Emerald Coast; **Alan Myers**, executive director of the Village of Baytowne Wharf; **Carolyn Espinoza**, Fisher House community ambassador; **Troy Sjostrom**, operations manager at the Village of Baytowne Wharf; **Julie Stuckey**, events manager for the Village of Baytowne Wharf; **John Stephens**, Master Sergeant and interim house staff; **Gordy Fornell**, Vice President of Fisher House board; **Teresa Halverson**, President of Fisher House board; **Mia Hughes**, administrative director of Fisher House; **Shirley Pigott**, past president of Fisher House board; **Sheila Williams**, community ambassador; **Suzanne Baltar**, 513 EWS 2nd Lieutenant and festival volunteer; **Leleia Hsia**, 513 EWS, 1st Lieutenant and festival volunteer captain.

is the best medicine," said **Teresa Halverson**, president of Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc. "A team effort—combined with the popularity of this annual world-class event and the generosity of our supporters contributing their time and resources—helps us keep military families together when facing a medical crisis, furthering the legacy began by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher."

**Sara Becnel**, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort executive director and co-trustee of the Sandestin Foundation for Kids, said, "Since our founding in 2011, our goal has been to make a meaningful and positive difference one child at a time. I want to thank our community, the volunteers and everyone associated with the Sandestin Wine Festival for providing these proceeds to support the Sandestin Foundation for Kids."

"Through your generosity, the foundation will continue to make an immediate and direct impact in the lives of children and their families suffering from a variety of tragedies including health and economic issues throughout the Emerald Coast and abroad. We are grateful and humbled."

The 32nd Annual Sandestin Wine Festival is set for **April 12-15, 2018**.

- Brooke Scholl

## FWB High School Students Snag Scholarships from Medical Center Auxiliary



From left—**Cindy Halsey**, Auxiliary member; **Ginger Kelly**, Auxiliary president; **Alyssa Bettinger**; **John Parker**; **Debbie Wagoner**, Auxiliary member; **Tristan Woodruff**; and **Vicki Tarro**, FWBMC Director of Volunteers.

**Fort Walton Beach Medical Center's** Auxiliary just helped five local high students head off to college.

The Fort Walton Beach Medical Center (FWBMC) Auxiliary believes the more knowledge our young people can gain, the better adults they will become. That's why the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center is committed to education, and one way they show it is through the work their Auxiliary does each and every day. Investing in our young people is investing in the future of our community, as well as our country.

Each year, the FWBMC Auxiliary awards \$12,000 in scholarships to high school students from Fort Walton Beach High School and Choctawhatchee High School so they

may further their education. The selection process is rigorous, and recipients must meet specific criteria before even being considered.

Applications are completed and submitted with a number of documents and verifications that make them eligible for the scholarship. Among the criteria in which the students are judged are academics, extracurricular activities, and volunteerism.

In June, five students from Fort Walton Beach High School were awarded scholarships—**Ethan Lipnicki** (\$3,000), **Sabrina Locht** (\$3,000), **Alyssa Bettinger** (\$2,000), **John Parker** (\$2,000), and **Tristin Woodruff**, who was also a FWBMC "Volunteer" (\$2,000).

- Denise Kendust



# FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is  
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local.” According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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# What Is Wrong with Trump?

By Leonard Pitts Jr., Tribune Content Agency

**So here we are**, six months later. How time has trudged.

But the calendar does not lie. On Thursday, we will be half a year through the Trump Era. And, contrary to his signature promise, America seems less great by the day. Nor are his other promises faring particularly well.

There is no sign of progress on that border wall, much less any idea how he is going to make Mexico pay for the thing. His promise to preserve Medicaid and provide health care for everyone has dissolved into a GOP bill that would gut Medicaid and rob millions of their access to health care.

Meantime, the guy who once said he would be working so hard he would seldom leave the White House spends more time on golf courses than a groundskeeper.

But for all that Trump has not achieved, there is, I think, one thing he indisputably

has. He has taught us to live in a state of perpetual chaos and continuous crisis. Six months later, the White House commands the same horrified attention as a car wreck or a house fire.

In that sense, last week's revelation that the Trump campaign, in the person of Donald Trump Jr., did in fact collude with a hostile foreign power to influence the 2016 election was just another Tuesday. Sure, it might have been shocking from the Bush or Obama campaigns. But under Trump, we live in a state of routine calamity.

Besides which, a few days from now, there will be something else. With Trump, there inevitably is. Things can always get worse—and usually do.

And when they do, we can count on the GOP, that inexhaustible fount of righteous outrage, to stand tall and courageously look the other way. For almost 20 years, the party has never seen a minor episode ("Travelgate"), a sheer nothing (Whitewater) or even an international tragedy (Benghazi) it

could not turn into Watergate II. Yet, as credible accusations of treason, obstruction, collusion, and corruption swirl about this White House, the GOP has been conspicuous in its acquiescent silence. It seems the elephant has laryngitis.

But the rest of us can't stop talking.

Indeed, from the studios of CNN to the bar stools of your neighborhood watering hole, amateur psychoanalysis has become America's favorite pastime in the last six months. Dozens of theories have been floated, all aimed at answering one question:

What is wrong with him?

But I have come to believe that question misses the point. Sixty-three million people voted for this. And make no mistake, they knew what they were getting. It was always obvious that Trump was a not-ready-for-prime-time candidate, but they chose him anyway. And the rest of us need to finally come to grips with the reason why.

It wasn't economic anxiety. As a study co-sponsored by the Public Religion Research Institute and *The Atlantic* reported in May, people who were worried for their jobs voted for Hillary Clinton. But people who dislike Mexicans and Muslims, people who oppose same-sex marriage, people mortally offended at a White House occupied by a black guy with a funny name, they voted for Trump.

That's the reality, and it's time we quit dancing around it.

This has been said a million times: Donald Trump is a lying, narcissistic, manifestly incompetent child man who is as dumb as a sack of mackerel. But he is the president of the United States because 63 million people preferred that to facing inevitable cultural change. So I am done asking—or caring—what's wrong with him. Six months in, it's time we grappled a far more important question.

What in the world is wrong with us?

## Is Notion of a Genderless Humanity Going Too Far?

By Leonard Pitts Jr., Tribune Content Agency

**We don't even** have pronouns for this.

That's what accounts for the clumsy grammar of the statement parent Kori Doty issued about Doty's newborn baby, Searyl Atli Doty. For that matter, it also accounts for the clumsy grammar of the sentence you just read.

Anyway, Kori Doty's statement read: "It's up to Searyl to decide how they identify, when they are old enough to develop their own gender identity. I am not going to foreclose that choice based on an arbitrary assignment of gender at birth based on an inspection of their genitals."

Of course, a baby human is not usually a "they" but a "he" or a "she." Thing is, though, Kori Doty, who identifies as a non-binary transgender person -- stay with me, now—has decided that the child, born in Canada "outside the medical system," will not be saddled with gender.

As reported last week by CNN, that argument apparently won over officials in Canada, who issued the baby a "health card"—as a civilized nation, Canada has universal health

care—that does not specify gender. Gender Free ID Coalition, a group that crusades against gender identifiers on government documents, sees this as an important step toward that goal. We are told that Searyl may be the first baby in the world with a genderless government ID.

As noted, the English language is not ready for this. For all its splendors, English offers no gender-neutral singular pronoun except "it." Who wants to be an "it?"

If the language is not ready, well, truth to tell, neither is your humble correspondent. It's a jarring realization.

I have, after all, long taken great pride in supporting LGBTQ freedom. Marriage equality, adoption rights, job protections, I have demanded them. Restroom ID laws, "don't ask, don't tell" and so-called "religious freedom" measures, I have fought them.

But in the notion of a genderless humanity we arrive at the proverbial bridge too far. Yes, I know some people are born anatomically neither male nor female. I'm not talking about them.

Nor have I any beef with the child born into a male body who feels emotionally

estranged from that body and takes steps, whether surgical or cosmetic, to rectify the problem. Good for him. And her.

What I have trouble with is the idea that we somehow commit a sin against enlightenment when we identify that baby's body as male in the first place. What I find problematic is the notion that we should look upon this child with his XY chromosome and a little stub of flesh between his legs that will someday be capable of producing sperm, and pretend we have no idea what he is.

I'm sorry, but that's just silly.

I am reminded of those people who would end racial prejudice by having us all claim to be "colorblind," i.e., pretend we don't see race. But prejudice doesn't come because we "notice" so-and-so is black. Rather, it comes with the assumptions we attach to that fact.

Similarly, the question here is not whether Searyl is a boy or girl. No, the question is, what will we assume that either one means?

So it seems to me the energy some are putting into denying the reality of infant genitalia would be better spent trying to assure that it means as little as possible, trying to create a society where girls who play with trucks and boys who play with dolls are as free as any other children to construct their own lives and identities according to their own design. Fight the sociology—not the biology. I tend to think Searyl would thank us for that.

The English language would, too.

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## Commentary

# The High Toll of a Bridge's Many Blunders

By Joni Williams

**Besides its appearance** in the iconic movie *Saturday Night Fever* and serving as New York's longest suspension bridge, the Verrazano Bridge connecting Staten Island and Brooklyn is infamous for charging what has been deemed the nation's most expensive toll. Yet local residents there pay less for a round trip across the double-decker, multi-lane bridge than those here for a round trip across the two-lane Mid-Bay Bridge.

That is, unless it's crossed 32 times in a month. That's when the Mid-Bay's version of a frequent flyer program kicks in, slashing the four dollar cash rate in half and the SunPass rate of three dollars by a third. But this two-dollar toll exceeds 50 cents per mile, which is considered expensive by national standards.

To put it in perspective, at this rate, traveling the entire 493-mile Florida Turnpike from central to south Florida would cost nearly \$250. Fortunately, it actually costs less than one-tenth as much.

This is because turnpike tolls are set using the CPI, with the index serving to determine affordability based on personal income versus cost of living. The Mid-Bay Bridge, on the other hand, sets its tolls according to its debt versus projected number of vehicle crossings.

Though the projections are sometimes off, it's the bridge's ballooning debt that baffles—and irks—area residents the most, jumping from its original \$83 million to \$285 million in 2015. Despite the burgeoning debt, nearly \$90 million was spent building a bypass road, Spence Parkway. It also commands a hefty toll—\$1.50 by SunPass and two dollars by tag.

The bridge's most recent toll hikes were said to be due to a tangled web of refinancing, along with lower-than-

projected vehicle crossings. Yet interest rates have been low since the bridge's 1993 completion. And just how many more vehicles could be expected to squeeze onto a two-lane bridge that's already often snarled during peak tourist season?

Obviously, costs need to be trimmed, efficiency improved and vehicle crossings increased. First, ditch the staffed tollbooths constructed before the state implemented tolling by license plate. This would eliminate staffing costs and greatly expedite vehicles moving on and off the bridge.

And forget counting the number of crossings. Take a cue from the Verrazano Bridge and reduce fares based on affordability and addresses. The tolls for Staten Island residents enrolled in New York's EZ Pass pay \$5.50 instead of \$11.52 per round trip. This is less than one-third the pay-by-mail rate of \$17. A comparable rate for the Mid-Bay would be around \$1.50 or slightly less.

Of course, the bridge needs to start generating more income. And with only two lanes that are too-often jam-packed during peak season, the best time to increase traffic is in the long stretch of off-season. Right now, the outrageously high toll prevents most local residents from making a quick trip to a shopping center or restaurant or even taking a part time job a couple days a week. This would be a boon for businesses looking for winter customers and employees year round.

Last but certainly not least, if the bridge were utilized to capacity year round, fares for all could be reduced. Why keep gouging tourists when neighboring Panama City Beach has a plethora of spacious new toll-free roadways open or on the way?

Who then will be left to pay the high toll of the Mid-Bay Bridge's many blunders?



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# The Men Who Built the Boats

By Charles Morgan III

**Leonard Destin founded** Destin, Florida, between 1845 and 1850. He was a fisherman, and for more than 100 years, the primary industry was commercial fishing. Recreational fishing became popular around 1950. Destin was the self-proclaimed “World’s Luckiest Fishing Village.” Things change.

When I moved to Destin in 1977, 90 percent of all boating activities involved fishing. If someone had spent all day on a boat, you could bet that they’d been fishing. Today, 90 percent of boating in Destin involves something entirely different.

Between jet skis, pontoon boats, porpoise watching boats, boats that drag people up in the air in parachute-things, pirate ships, go-fast boats—even contraptions that shoot you up in the air on a jet stream of water—most boating activity in Destin involves something that is definitely not fishing.

Destin is known for its white sand beaches. Anyone who doesn’t know that has been living under a rock. Or at least they’ve been living in an area that our Tourist Development Council has not been able to reach with its advertising.

But in many circles—and they aren’t small circles—Destin is known for something else.

There are two men in Destin who—more than anyone else—make this town special. They have been working for almost 50 years at the same job. One day at a time, one hull at a time, Buddy Gentry and Steve Sauer have been building boats.

Two quiet men have run the most impressive operation in Destin since 1973. They built boats for many years off of Benning Drive. The finished boats, on a makeshift trailer, would travel the short but perilous journey to the boat ramp on Joe’s Bayou for the splashdown. In 2000, they moved the operation to the waterfront in Freeport.

It started in 1973. Gentry was a charter boat fisherman. Sauer, a recent engineering graduate from LSU, talked him into building a boat. They learned to fiberglass, and since there wasn’t much to do in Destin in the winter, they built a boat. They worked on a 38-foot Infinity hull and then went on to build 15 of the classic 31-foot open boats.



There have been more world records set on G and S boats than on Bertram, Hatteras and Viking boats combined. They’ve built 52 boats over the years. There are currently G and S boats in the Bahamas, St. Thomas, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Gabon, Morocco (Casablanca), the Cape Verde Islands, Panama, and Costa Rica. Many of those boats have fished all over the world.

The French Look and the French Look II and the Madam and the Hooker (mother ship operations that carried G and S fish boats with them) are responsible for many of the line-class world records set on the boats. The French Look has 82 world records.

Their first big boat was the Mollie. It was built for Jim Waitsman and captained by Cecil Woodward. That boat was later renamed Big John, and it is owned and captained by Todd Allen. Mr. Waitsman built another Mollie. That version was captained by Jeff Shoults and is now named Papi. Mr. Waitsman built a third Mollie. It is also captained by Shoults—it wins tournaments every year—and it docks beside the Papi and the Hey Baby (an original 31-foot G and S) at Harbor Docks.

You don’t have to be an expert on boats to recognize the beauty of G and S creations. They have clean lines. They are not too extravagant. They are built to fish.

The boat being built now may be their last. It is a 52-foot boat originally commissioned by Stewart Campbell, a world-renowned fisherman who passed away a few years ago.

There are ports around the world, exotic places that few of us will ever visit, where people know about Destin. What they know about us has nothing to do with promotional advertising. They don’t know about all the tourist activities. They don’t care about being

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# Husband-Wife Duo Named 2017 Festival of the Arts Poster Contest Winners



Tony and Vivian Zack brandishing their award-winning Festival of the Arts creation.

By Zandra Wolfgram

**Tony and Vivian Zack** have been collaborating as a devoted “art team” for more than 22 years in their Destin space called Zack’s 5th Avenue Art Studio. The unique individual styles of these two self-taught artists combine to create their signature whimsical form of funky folk art.

The Zacks are always up for new adventures and creative challenges, and they love to try out new art techniques, so they are familiar with “firsts.” But being selected as the 2017 Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Festival of the Arts poster contest winners was one first that surprised even them.

“I’m not the bridesmaid anymore, I’m the groom!” Tony quips of his first-time win in the annual poster contest.

Though they have participated in the Festival of the Arts for 19 years (1998 was their inaugural year) and entered the poster contest from time to time, this is the first year they have been honored as the winners.

The winning mixed media (metal, leather and paper on painted wood) is entitled “Can’t Catch Me” and depicts a majestic mermaid clad in a pink

butterfly bikini with flower blossoms woven through her flaming hair as she floats effortlessly in emerald waters amid turtles and sea swirls.

As the poster art contest winners, the Zacks will receive a cash prize of \$500. Their winning artwork will be used to promote the 22nd Annual Festival of the Arts by being prominently showcased on the official festival poster, postcards, the festival guide, t-shirts and souvenirs, on the MKAF website, Facebook page and more.

This creative couple met in 1994 as employees of Big Kahuna’s in Destin, where Tony, a carpenter by trade, carved many of the attraction’s wooden tiki-style pillars and sculptures from a chainsaw. Vivian has moved on from her stint as a gem assayer for a mining attraction no longer in operation, but Tony still works there full-time overseeing all daily maintenance.

Before trying her hand at a few different entrepreneurial businesses along the Emerald Coast, Vivian entertained audiences all over the nation (and on cruise ships) as a professional singer. Now she focuses her time on the couple’s artwork and custom commissions, taking the lead on their line of Zack Cats—whimsical

canisters and mugs depicting the likeness of the couples’ cat, Kiki.

Making art together was always by design. “We were looking for something we could do together as an outlet for our creativity,” says Vivian. “Now it is our passion.”

When they are not collaborating on a new direction for their artwork, you can find this good humored, gypsy-hearted couple traveling cross-country by car.

“We stay off the interstate and try different routes. If the map says it’ll take three days, we’ll spend eight enjoying the sights along the way,” Tony says.

“When you travel, you see things differently when you come home, and that’s what makes our art what it is. We have different creative minds that combine when we collaborate on art,” adds Vivian.

When you visit the Zacks at the festival—set for **Oct. 28 and 29** at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin—your congratulations will be especially appreciated. In addition to their poster art kudos, they will be celebrating Vivian’s birthday and their 18th wedding anniversary.

## ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**AMUSE ART STUDIO**, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

**ARTFUL THINGS**, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

**Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O’Grady**, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. [rosalynogrady.com](http://rosalynogrady.com).

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**Mondays. Sea Glass with Sara**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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**Thursdays. Jewelry Making with Diane**, 3-5 p.m.

**Fridays. Create Your Own Starfish Character with John Hollan**, 3-6 p.m.

**Fridays. Tie Dye with David**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery**, Fort Walton Beach. More info at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio**, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

**Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12**, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

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**Tuesdays. Open Studio**, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$10 (\$7 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

**Thursdays Starting Aug. 3. “A Journey in Watercolor Painting” with Carol Dickson**, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Open to students at all levels. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$130 (\$110 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

**Fridays. Open Studio**, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

**EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS**, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com) for more info.



# Art

**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY**, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit [fullcirclefwb.com](http://fullcirclefwb.com) for more info.

**Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte**, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

**HH ARTS**, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-499-2354 to register.

**Aug. 11. Paint and Sip with Janette Thomas**, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$35, all supplies included. Bring your own sip and apron, and take home a beautiful piece of your own art. Space is limited, so make your reservations early.

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## ART EVENTS

**THROUGH JULY 28. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) "ART OF THE LANDSCAPE" AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

The exhibition features art depicting landscapes and cityscapes. More at [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org).



**Pam Folsie's "Studio at Persimmon Farm," a study in oil, took first place honors in ADSO's "Art of the Landscape" show.**

**THROUGH JULY 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY EXHIBIT AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

Multitalented **George Brandon** works in charcoal, pastels and oils to create portraits and seascapes.

**THROUGH AUG. 31. KAY RICHOUX EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

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**JULY 29. MICHAEL CHENEY RECEPTION AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH**

Join HH Arts' August Artist of the Month from 6 to 8 p.m. Cheney is a photographer and painter whose work has been seen throughout Northwest Florida, most recently at Full Circle Gallery in Fort Walton Beach. Refreshments will be served.

**OPENS AUG. 1. ADSO'S "FIRST IMPRESSIONS" AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

Work depicting artists' interpretations of Impressionist painters. The show runs through **Sept. 1**, and you're invited to the opening reception Friday, **Aug. 4**, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info, call 850-244-1271 or visit [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org).

**AUG. 4. FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK AT GULF PLACE, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

Join **Gordie Hinds** and the Artists at Gulf Place from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy local artist competitions and live music from jazz guitarist **Mark Graham**. Interested vendors, contact [delores.tao@gmail.com](mailto:delores.tao@gmail.com).

## ART GALLERIES

**ADARO ART** features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email [adaro.art@gmail.com](mailto:adaro.art@gmail.com) or visit [adaroart.com](http://adaroart.com) for more info.

**AMUSEARTSTUDIO** Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at [amuseartstudio.com](http://amuseartstudio.com).

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**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY** Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org).

**CARA ROY ARTWORKS** Florida tropics, watercolors, posters of all kinds, note cards, original artworks and gift items. Available at Fusion Art Glass Gallery in Seaside and Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. [www.cararoyartworks.com](http://www.cararoyartworks.com).

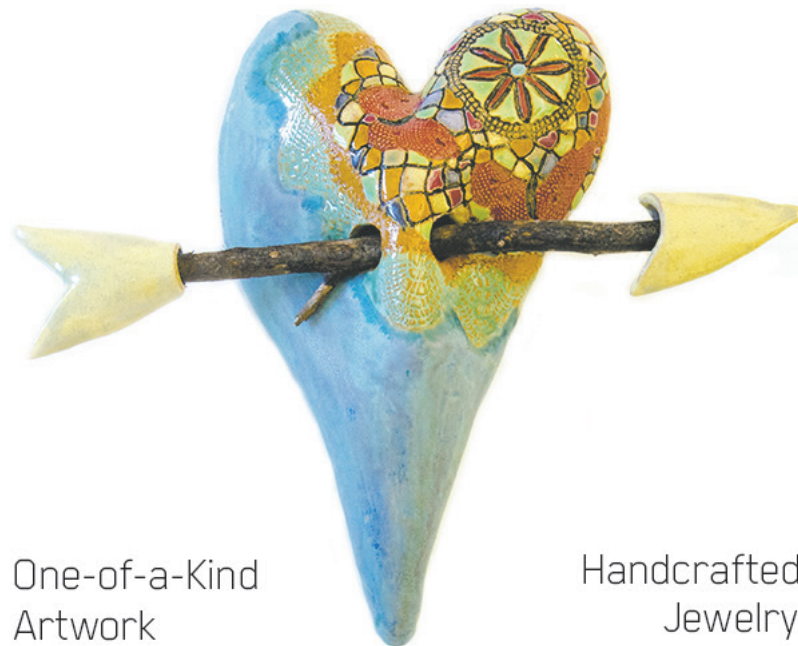
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# CAA Launches Nation's First Underwater Art Museum

**The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County (CAA)**, in partnership with the South Walton Artificial Reef Association (SWARA) and support from the National Endowment for the Arts, will join two of South Walton's most beloved attractions—the arts and the Gulf of Mexico—with the introduction of the Underwater Museum of Art (UMA), North America's first underwater permanent sculpture exhibit.

The UMA is the first presentation of the CAA's Art In Public Spaces Program and will augment SWARA's mission of creating marine habitat and expanding fishery populations while providing enhanced creative, cultural, economic and educational opportunities for the benefit, education and enjoyment of residents, students and visitors in South Walton.

Currently, Gulf coastal waters off Walton County are 95 percent barren sand flats. Deployment of sculpture as artificial reefs will provide a source of biological replenishment and protective marine habitat where none exists. The UMA will be deployed with SWARA's existing USACOA and FDEP permitted artificial reef project that

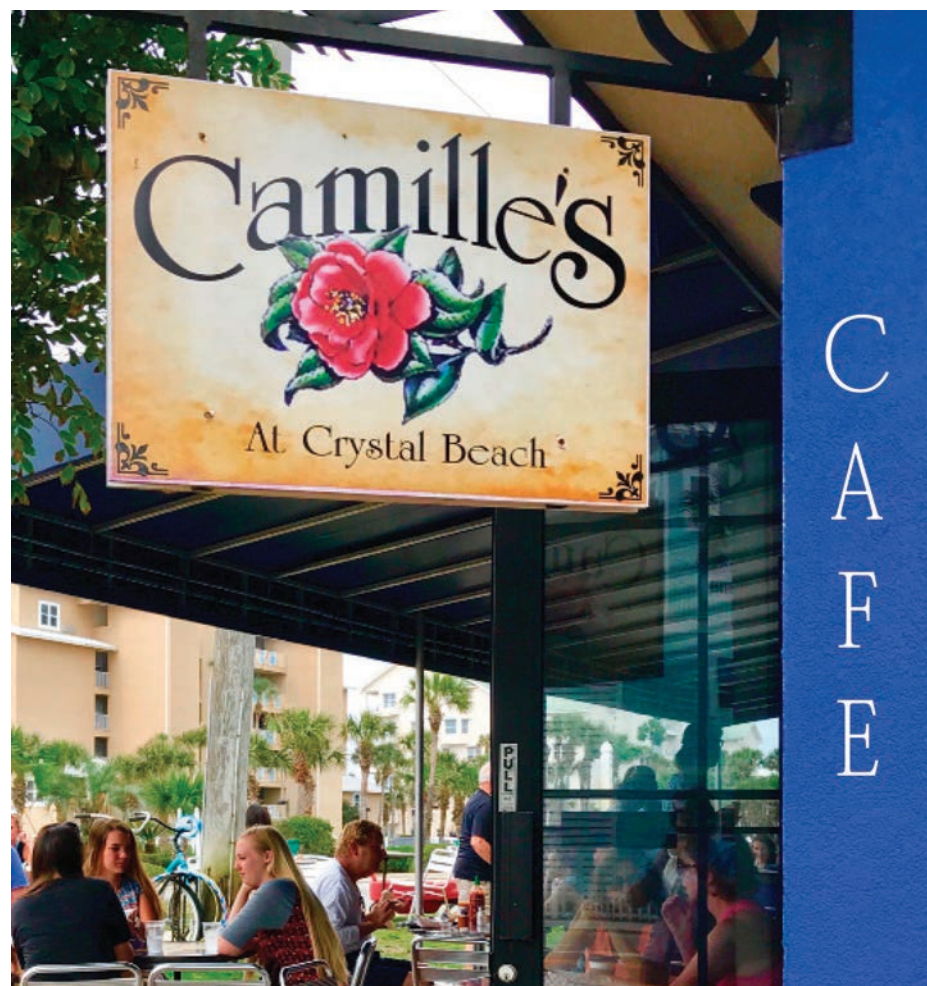
includes nine near-shore reefs located within one nautical mile of the shore in approximately 50-60 feet of water. A one-acre permit patch of seabed off Grayton Beach State Park has been dedicated to the CAA for the purpose of a permanent underwater sculpture exhibit.

The first phase of the UMA will include up to six pieces of sculpture. The CAA is calling for local, national and international artists to submit work for consideration for the first installment and permanent exhibition. Sculptures must be created above ground and delivered directly to the deployment area where each will be attached to a grouper box/reef.

The sculptures will then be transported by ship to the gulf and carefully sunk to the floor where they will become a base to which an artificial reef will form, attracting marine life and divers.

Visit [www.CulturalArtsAlliance.com](http://www.CulturalArtsAlliance.com) for more information on the UMA project and to apply online. Applications will be accepted through **Aug. 11**, and artwork must be received no later than **Sept. 15**.

- Melissa Wheeler



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**MARY HONG GALLERY** Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. [MaryHongStudio.com](http://MaryHongStudio.com).

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Arts and Design Society (ADS)** invites artists to participate in the upcoming "First Impressions" show, in which artwork in any medium is inspired by any of the Impressionists. Cash awards. Turn-in dates are Saturday, **July 29**, 1-4 p.m., and Monday, **July 31**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSO members). A copy of the entry form with details is available at [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org). Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

**ADSO** also calls on all artists to participate in its upcoming "Ruins" show, with artwork in any medium reflecting artists' concept of ruins. Cash awards. Turn-in dates are Tuesday, **Sept. 5**, 1-4 p.m., and Wednesday, **Sept. 6**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSO members). A copy of the entry form with details is available at [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org). Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

**ADSO** once again teams up with the Northwest Florida Fair for the annual Fine Arts Show for Adults and Students. Open to all artists. Turn-in dates are Friday, **Sept. 22**, noon-5 p.m., and Saturday, **Sept. 23**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee for adults is \$30 for up to five pieces. Entry fee for high school and middle school students is \$2 per piece for up to five pieces. A copy of the entry form with details is available at [www.artsdesignsociety.org](http://www.artsdesignsociety.org). Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

**Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF)** Adult Collaborative Art Exhibit, part of the 22nd Annual Festival of the Arts to be held **Oct. 28 and 29** in Destin, invites artists to participate and compete for prizes. Open to the first 25 eligible participants. Entry fee is \$30 per person for up to three pieces of art. Application deadline is Friday, **Sept. 8**. For applications, contact Deb at [deb@mattiekellyartsfoundation.org](mailto:deb@mattiekellyartsfoundation.org) or call 850-650-2226.

## Calendar Girl



**Congratulations to Theresia McGinnis, whose watercolor painting "Masked Venice" was selected by Arts and Design Society members as the cover art for the 2018 ADSO calendar.**  
*Photo submitted by Tuny Jennings.*





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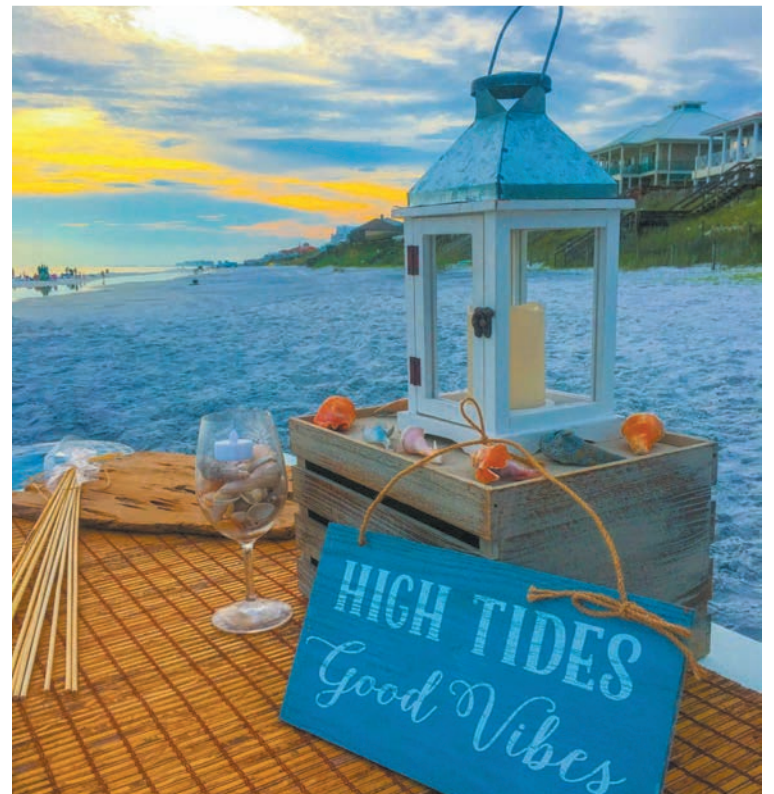
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# Luke Langford Makes Country Cool Again

By Nikki Hedrick

**Luke Langford** has created a country music tour de force with the newly rebranded Luke Langford Band (formerly Luke Langford & the 331 South Band). The band name was recently shortened with the hopes that it would be easier to market and tour under beyond Beachcomberland, as Langford has his sights on a pretty big future.

It's worth mentioning that cowboy boots and worn jeans aren't for show. Langford can be found on the family farm most days, the popular Cypress Cattle & Produce in Freeport. We actually conducted the interview while he was heading out to deliver a load of lumber to a customer.

Surprisingly, Langford only recently stepped behind a mic. "I never sung a note or played in front of anybody until I was 31," he says. "I was very professionally minded throughout my 20s. I got started running the family farm and got busy with that.

"When I came home from college, the farm needed a little work and some help getting back up to speed. My dad wasn't

in the best of health, and you have all this pressure of legacy...when I came home, I put my nose to the grind on that and really leaned in."

Although Langford had a Taylor guitar, it wasn't until he built his own family that he began to reconnect with music. "When I had my two boys and started doing bath time routines for them, I got my guitar and started playing again.

"I don't remember the circumstances around it," Langford admits, "but somehow I ended up at a Redd's Fueling Station on open mic night."

That's all it took for Langford to get hooked on performing. The first incarnation of the band came together, and the nameless group booked their first show. "I think my first actual gig was at 4C BBQ at DeFuniak Springs," says Langford. "I've always loved themed events, and we didn't have a name for the band. So we said screw it, and the first gig would be a Name That Band gig.

"On the breaks, we had this big tip jar and you'd roll up this piece of paper



and write what you think the name of the band should be. And they were all horrible. They were so bad."

After nixing the suggestions, they put their heads together and dubbed themselves the 331 South Band.

"I had no idea that country music would be as popular down there as it has been," says Langford. "I'm still learning as I go, as far as the music scene."

The band won Best Country Artist at the 2017 Beachcomber Music Awards. "I had no expectations going in. I was really honored... It was nice to be recognized. We don't take it for granted, and we don't take it lightly. What you guys do with *Beachcomber*, it helps establish a music scene—to be a part of that and be labeled as the best country band, we will take it anytime we can get it."

Although Langford's name being front and center, he is quick to praise his bandmates. "I have guys around me that are just complete and total badasses." The lineup currently includes Langford on guitar and vocals, Clayton Lancaster on guitar and vocals, multiple Beachcomber Music Award winner Matt Miller on fiddle, Jon Webb on bass and vocals, and Scott Fryer on drums and vocals.

Fryer is the newest addition—he joined the band in late May. "Scott is a pro," says Langford. "His effort leaning into this project with little to no notice—he

learned 60, 70 songs to the T in two to three weeks. He put a monumental effort into it out of the gate, and he's a phenomenal drummer.

"We play four or five nights a week, and I can't imagine doing it any other way. I wouldn't trade that for anything. I love playing live—getting up in a bar, having that place burn to the ground, packing it out and watching people have a good time. That's just where I want to be."

There is also an album on the horizon. Recording and releasing it are a matter of timing. "When you play four to six nights a week, you can't (record)," says Langford. "We're all trying to make sure we take care of the home front, and most of us have day jobs. I want this stuff recorded yesterday, but in the interest of putting out best foot forward..."

"Whenever it is, I want it to be a good representation of the band and the sum of all its parts. We got something here that we want to hang onto, and I want to make sure that a solid record is put out."

The Luke Langford Band's shows are slowly becoming part of local legend, mixed with a fair amount of tequila shots. "It is a lot of fun. If someone is coming out to see our show, they probably want to wear comfortable shoes because we love to see people dance."

Keep up with the band at [www.lukelangfordband.com](http://www.lukelangfordband.com).

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# Broadcasters Pay Conjugal Visit to the Coast

By Joni Williams

After spending a year as a London-based TV shopping channel host plus several more in Chicago as a television reporter and burlesque performer, **Aly Bockler**—better known by her 1990s radio handle, Back Door Aly—is back. And it’s all because her longtime friend, local radio personality **Kevin McKay**, said those four little words that were music to her ears:

“Let’s start a band.”

“(It) was just what I needed to make the move down here,” says Bockler, who became a local resident once again as of April 1. McKay stayed true to his word, and the current and former 99Rock jocks wasted no time getting a band together that includes Habitual Offender’s former bass player Marcus Byrd and electric guitarist Michal Scott.



McKay, who began his musical career fresh out of college as a drummer with the Texas band Ocean X, is back on the skins while Bockler unsurprisingly fronts the band as lead singer, usually while strumming a guitar.

Though they aren’t ones to rest on their broadcasting laurels, it was a famous music industry connection, Jesse James Dupree, who nonetheless proved instrumental when choosing the band’s name, Conjugal Visit. “He’s a friend,” says Aly of the Jackyl lead singer. After being given a list of names to pick from, she says, “he chose this one — Conjugal Visit — so that’s what we went with.”

In keeping with the band’s name, as well as Bockler’s colorful burlesque history, she’ll perform in a provocative warden’s costume along with a mic that doubles as a nightstick. The other band members will be dressed in prison stripes on a stage decorated with chain link and barbed wire.

Likewise, the music will offer some edgy twists. “We’re going to play rock, but we’re going to do some different stuff, too,” McKay says, describing how the band is currently working to add some amped-up flair to a variety of cover songs, including Young MC’s “Bust A Move.” The locals know that one as McKay’s signature karaoke song.

Meanwhile, the band is weathering frequent practice sessions in the summer heat while admittedly sweating their September public

debut—literally and figuratively. “There’s no air conditioning and it gets really hot,” Aly says, describing their rehearsal space. This summer they stepped up their efforts to ensure a favorable first impression. “Because we’re in broadcasting,” she says, “people are going to know who we are. They’re going to be expecting more of us.” And Conjugal Visit intends to deliver.

But it won’t be an act so over-the-top it will prevent booking younger fans of McKay’s radio show. After giving more than a few kids their 15 seconds of fame by allowing them quick on-air sound bites as they tour the studio, McKay now has a recurring tweenaged sidekick who even has his own radio handle, “Lil Sean.” Sean has also attended the new band’s practice sessions, complete with electric guitar in hand.

Bockler is simultaneously working at putting together a separate burlesque act resembling the one she left behind in Chicago, featuring music, dance, some joke telling and plenty of feathers, sequins and tassels. She also can be heard a few times a week co-hosting McKay’s daily Hair Club segment.

As for McKay—who’s been known to pick up the sticks to drum with other bands playing the area—don’t look for him to give up his longstanding on-air position, no matter how many bookings his new band scores. “I love radio,” he says. “And the band—this is just something on the side.”



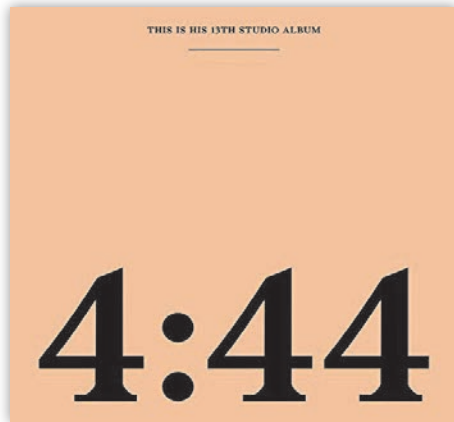
# Music > Beachcomber's Record Roundup

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## Jay-Z

4:44

Roc Nation



If I had to give this review a title, it would be “A Battle of Two Generations.” One generation is the legion of people who grew up listening to Jay-Z and appreciate his wordplay and his journey. Most importantly, they appreciate his ability to be a top-notch lyricist with the ability to tell stories and deliver jewels. The other generation did not grow up listening to Jay-Z and are currently at the forefront of a youth movement in hip-hop and popular music. Look at Jay-Z’s lyricism and jewel dropping as a direct insult to them and their way of life from an “old man.”

4:44 is an album from an artist who has absolutely nothing to prove. Jay-Z is considered to be on the level of success of Michael Jackson or the Beatles (in its first week of Tidal-exclusive release, the album went platinum), and he’s obviously in a very introspective mode on the new LP.

On “Kill Jay-Z,” the veteran rapper speaks of the need to express himself with truth—reconciling with his family and his responsibilities as a husband and father, and exercising friendship demons. As the song’s title suggests, it’s time to kill the character Jay-Z and allow his true self, Shawn Carter, to manifest. Jigga is in rare form as the album oozes honesty, with the finest of wordplay and wisdom beyond the years of the current hip-hop landscape.

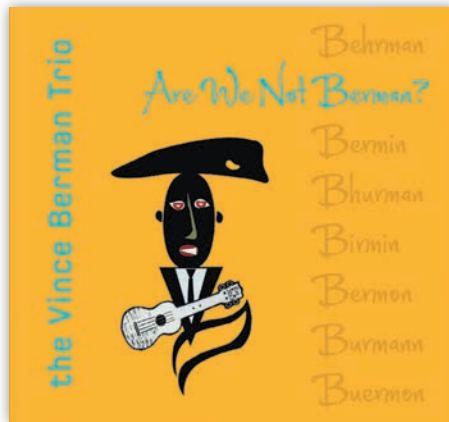
Jay-Z breaks down the negative effects of success on the identity of black people in their culture on “The Story of OJ,” and the subsequent desire to separate from that culture after being successful. This track boasts one of the cleverest choruses of the year, if not recent history. Jay-Z has once again shown that age does not exist when it comes to creating dope music that is unapologetically hip-hop, but still appeals to the masses.

- Devin Anderson

## The Vince Berman Trio

Are We Not Berman?

Independent



Panama City group pulls together some prominent musicians to create a fun jazzy project with flavors of everything—Beach Boys, rambling blues, Randy Newman. Yet even with such a mixed bag of styles and influences, the album comes together. It’s a joyful ride that works as a single listen.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Foreseen

Foreseen

Independent



If you miss soaring guitars and a nearly operatic take on metal, Pensacola’s Foreseen is for you. With progressive elements and those big, loud moments that put heavy music on the map, Foreseen is a dynamic celebration of the genre. Standouts include the theatrical “My Hyde” and “Crossing the Line,” which touches on early thrash rhythms. Although each band member has ample opportunity to shine, kudos are very much due to the vocalist, who pulls off some very tough and notable high notes.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Haim

Something to Tell You

Columbia

The long anticipated sophomore album from the pop-rock sister trio stays true to their aura of effortlessness. On this album about heartbreak and yearning, however, they’re digging deeper. The



accessibility of Haim’s music, with its exciting, undeniable rhythm, feels significant as these songs travel from euphoric to heart wrenching and everywhere in between. Haim is making infectious music that organically makes people dance and enthusiastically lip sync, but they are also doing the important work of being vocal about—even celebrating—the complexity of women’s emotions.

- Jane Morgan

## Imagine Dragons

Evolve

Interscope



If Imagine Dragons are indeed evolving, they’re moving in an alt-pop direction rather than rock. Yet they haven’t lost their edge. The new album is diverse, filled with hip-hop beats, ballad broodiness, and a generous infusion of clap machine rhythms throughout. “Whatever It Takes,” “Thunder” and current single “Believer” are all irresistibly upbeat, while tracks like “Walking the Wire” are slow and soulful. It’s a trifle overproduced and a little too slick at times, but *Evolve* is still ear-tickling good even after repeat listens.

- Joni Williams

## Kirk Knuffke

Cherryco

SteepleChase Records

I think this might be my first album from cornetist Knuffke. He, Jay Anderson (bass) and Adam Nussbaum (drums) team up to pay double tribute to the free jazz works of Don Cherry and Ornette Coleman. The 12 tracks



(more than an hour) feature seven by Cherry and five by Coleman. With only two guys backing him up, Knuffke seems to know what’s expected. He steps up and lets his horn talk, bold and almost non-stop. I heard ghosts of Freddie Hubbard and a little Woody Shaw, too. Be warned—it’s a trumpet player’s kind of album.

- Bruce Collier

## Paracosm

Artifacts

Independent



On their long-awaited EP, Pensacola rockers Paracosm are about the melody in between the guitar riffs. With modern rock sensibilities and a DIY work ethic, they’re one of the most recognizable names in the area’s rock realm for good reason. *Artifacts* proves their staying power and their commitment to producing memorable tunes on their own terms. With multilayered production and a moody tune, the music is bound to turn up soon on a radio station near you.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Marc Romboy and the Dortmund Philharmonic

Reconstructing Debussy

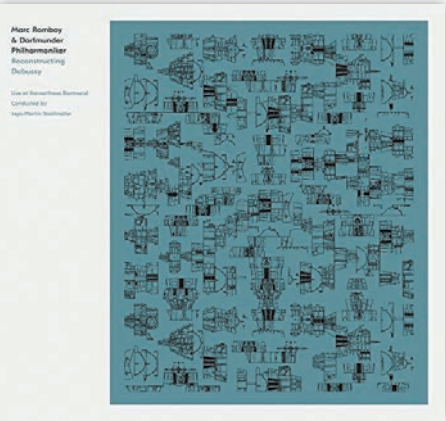
Hyperharmonic

Romboy is a “systematic recordings artist,” whatever that means. The Dortmund Philharmonic is...what it says it is. Last December, they met for a one-take recording (with audience) of edited, remixed, reconstructed music. The subject—or victim, if you prefer—is



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French impressionist composer Claude Debussy. Debussy might well have relished this riff on his freewheeling compositions. Or hated it. Four tracks include “Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun” and “La Mer.” I’m a fan of Debussy, and I think his work is robust enough to withstand this and more. Fun, if you’re in the right mood.

- Bruce Collier

### Rossano Sportiello

*Pastel, Solo Piano*  
Arbors



Italian pianist and composer Sportiello numbers boisterous guys like Fats Waller, Teddy Wilson and Art Tatum among his influences. Though European conservatory trained, Sportiello says he strives to “make (jazz) understandable to everybody.” *Pastel Solo Piano* puts that into practice, offering a mixed, accessible menu of 13 tracks, including “Dancing in the Dark,” “When I Fall in Love,” and other standards. It’s easy listening, but in the best way.

- Bruce Collier

### Waxahatchee

*Out in the Storm*  
Merge

The new album from Katie Crutchfield’s project is one of the most gorgeously vulnerable albums of the year. The Birmingham native works through the demise of her relationship through lyrics that are cutting and gentle in the wake of intense, tumultuous heartbreak. She considers the loss of self in a painful relationship, and



the process of regaining the self in the aftermath. Waxahatchee’s sound is at once beating and atmospheric, cinematic in its ability to comfortably carry her intimate storytelling. *Out in the Storm* is a probing, enthralling force.

- Jane Morgan

## UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

### JULY 28

- Arthur Alexander, *Arthur Alexander (1972)* (Bonus Tracks)
- Herb Alpert, *Music Volume 1*
- Arcade Fire, *Everything Now*
- The Cars, *Candy-O and Panorama (Expanded Editions)*
- Chicago, *Now More Than Ever: The History of Chicago (DVD)*
- Alice Cooper, *Paranormal*
- The Isley Brothers + Santana, *Power of Peace*
- Joe Nichols, *Never Gets Old*
- John Pizzarelli, *Sinatra & Jobim @ 50*
- Elvis Presley, *A Boy from Tupelo: The Complete 1953-1955 Recordings*

### AUG. 4

- Accept, *The Rise of Chaos*
- Def Leppard, *Hysteria (30th Anniversary Deluxe Edition)* (Also on Vinyl)
- Eagles of Death Metal, *I Love You All the Time: Live at the Olympia in Paris* (Also on DVD)
- Brett Eldredge, *Brett Eldredge*
- Hard Working Americans, *We're All in This Together*
- Junkie XL, *The Dark Tower (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)*
- Randy Newman, *Dark Matter*
- George Thorogood, *Party of One*
- Wage War, *Deadweight*
- Neil Young, *Hitchhiker* (Also on Vinyl)

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## THURSDAY, JULY 2

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
KYLE REED BAND, 5 p.m.

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

**AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

**BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
COREY FELDMAN, 7 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

**THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach**  
AL ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com**  
THE VILLAGE BELLES, 7:30 p.m.  
*Red, White & Blue Celebration*

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

**THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HEATHER GILLIS, 7 p.m.

**LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.  
*Ladies Night*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ADAM HOLT DUO, 6 p.m.

**MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.  
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

**OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola**  
NEW EARTH ARMY, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 6-9 p.m.

**30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
YAMADEO, 6-9 p.m.  
*Music on the Green*

**THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach**  
ATREU EIGHT FIFTY, 8 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

**AJ’S, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

**AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
LUKE LANGFORD & BAND, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**ANGLERS, Okaloosa Island**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 7-11 p.m.

**BOSHAMPS, Destin**  
BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**DUCK DUCK, Destin**  
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
TODD SIMPSON, 9 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
DAYS TO COME – 4 DAZE DEAD, 8 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
ED WRANN, 4-7 p.m.

**HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf**  
AMY HART & OFF THE WALL BAND, 6 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.  
QWERTY, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
FINGA FAYA, 4-7 p.m.

**LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
THE MOON LAGOONS, Noon  
*Summer Roof Stage Series*

**MARIE’S BISTRO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
YAMADEO, 9 p.m.

**MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.  
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

**THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
ALLMAN & GOLDFLIES, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach**  
MARI GLEASON, 5 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 6-9 p.m.

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

**30A STORE, Seagrove Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-10 p.m.  
*Baytowne Live*

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.

**AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
LUKE LANGFORD & BAND, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

**BIG RUMORS, Navarre**  
JIMMY JAMES – A PIRATE’S BOOTY, 7 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

**CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.  
DANNI COYOTE, 5 p.m.

**COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Fort Walton Beach**  
ADAM KELLUM, 9 p.m.

**CRABS, Pensacola Beach**  
NEW EARTH ARMY, 6-10 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
TODD SIMPSON, 9 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
TWINSPAN, 7 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TBD, 4-7 p.m.

**THE HANDLEBAR, Pensacola**  
DARK STAR COVEN – GRIMWAR – KILLHAMMER, 9 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com**  
THE SPRINGS, 7 p.m.  
*Rock the Docks*

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
KEVIN CARSON, 6-10 p.m.  
MODERATE CHOP, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
THE SCRATCHTONES, Noon  
*Summer Roof Stage Series*

**MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-9 p.m.  
ROB ROMANS, 9 p.m.

**OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

**THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach**  
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

**SUNSET BAY CAFÉ, Miramar Beach**  
AL ALVARADO, 5 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 6-9 p.m.

**WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD (Sandollar Lounge), 7-10 p.m.



Live Music

SUNDAY, JULY 30

**AJ'S, Destin**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, Noon  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.

**BOSHAMPS, Destin**  
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

**BROTULA'S, Destin**  
KYLE REED BAND, 4 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village**  
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.

**THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

**GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
WILDLIFE SPECIALS, 5 p.m.

**HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf**  
AMY HART & OFF THE WALL BAND, 6 p.m.

**HELEN BACK, Okaloosa Island**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 3-8 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.

**HOOK'D ON THE HARBOR, Panama City Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 2:30 p.m.  
*An all-originals show.*

**JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach**  
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

**LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.  
*Sunday Funday*

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
BOUKOU GROOVE, 1 p.m.  
*Summer Roof Stage Series*

**MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS, 11 a.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 31

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
MOSE WILSON & THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

**THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.  
*Cat Shirt Monday*

**KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
HOWLIN' JACK, 6 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 2-5 p.m.  
DIKI ROSS, 6 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
SHAMAN'S HARVEST, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 1

**AJ'S, Destin**  
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 7 p.m.

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
BLAKE BROCK, 5 p.m.  
Nashville Songwriters Florida Sunshine Tour, 7:30-9 p.m.





Live Music

<b>BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village</b> DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton</b> Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
<b>BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin</b> AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.
<b>CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach</b> CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.
<b>EDWARDS FINE FOOD &amp; WINE, Rosemary Beach</b> JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
<b>FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650</b> Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.
<b>HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf</b> ED WRANN, Noon-4 p.m.
<b>HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com</b> VILLAGE BRASS BAND FAIS DO-DO, 6:30-8:30 p.m. <i>Fat Tuesday</i>
<b>HOG’S BREATH, Destin</b> BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.
<b>THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach</b> GEORGE PORTER JR. & TERRENCE HOUSTON with DERWIN “BIG D” PERKINS, 7-10 p.m.
<b>LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin</b> RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.
<b>POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach</b> BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.
<b>REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach</b> REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
<b>RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin</b> MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>SEAGAR’S, Sandestin</b> RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
<b>SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach</b> HUCK AND LILLY, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m. <i>Taco Tuesday</i>
<b>SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island</b> BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>TAILFINS, Destin</b> RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 6-9 p.m.
<b>30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.
<b>VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com</b> STEVIE HALL, 7-10 p.m. <i>Baytowne Live</i>

<b>WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2</b>
<b>AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach</b> ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.
<b>AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island</b> Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
<b>AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com</b> THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9 p.m. <i>Stick around for fireworks at 9.</i>
<b>ALYS BEACH CONCERT SERIES</b> BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.
<b>THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach</b> FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.
<b>BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton</b> Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
<b>BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin</b> BT TURNER, 6 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.
<b>CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com</b> BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
<b>EDWARDS FINE FOOD &amp; WINE, Rosemary Beach</b> JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
<b>FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666</b> PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.
<b>FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650</b> CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.
<b>HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf</b> ED WRANN, Noon-4 p.m.
<b>HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www. EmeraldGrande.com</b> Nashville Songwriters Florida Sunshine Tour, 8 p.m.
<b>HOG’S BREATH, Destin</b> AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.
<b>LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin</b> JUSTIN YAWN, 6 p.m.
<b>MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin</b> ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.
<b>OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach</b> LUKE LANGFORD & 331 SOUTH, 8 p.m.
<b>THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008</b> RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
<b>REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach</b> Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.
<b>RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin</b> MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
<b>SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach</b> THE BROOK & THE BLUFF, 7 p.m.

<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.
<b>SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island</b> JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>TAILFINS, Destin</b> RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 6-9 p.m.
<b>30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.
<b>VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com</b> THE BLENDERS, 7-9 p.m. <i>Wednesday Night Concert Series</i>
<b>WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach</b> BOBBYD (Sandollar Lounge), 7-10 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY, AUG. 3</b>
<b>AJ’S, Destin</b> THE ANTEEKS, 9 p.m.
<b>AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach</b> CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.
<b>AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island</b> BT TURNER, 6 p.m.
<b>AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com</b> MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.
<b>BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin</b> AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.
<b>CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com</b> BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
<b>EDWARDS FINE FOOD &amp; WINE, Rosemary Beach</b> JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
<b>FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650</b> THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.
<b>GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa Beach</b> BRUCE SALMON, 5 p.m.
<b>GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach</b> SHANK, 4-7 p.m.
<b>HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf</b> ED WRANN, Noon-4 p.m. AMY HART & OFF THE WALL BAND, 6 p.m.
<b>HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com</b> THE VILLAGE BELLES, 7:30 p.m. <i>Red, White &amp; Blue Celebration</i>
<b>HOG’S BREATH, Destin</b> BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.
<b>LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach</b> FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m. <i>Ladies Night</i>
<b>LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin</b> LEFTY COLLINS, 6 p.m.

<b>MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin</b> BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m. ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.
<b>OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach</b> BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
<b>POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach</b> COCONUT RADIO, 2 p.m.
<b>THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008</b> RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
<b>REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach</b> REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
<b>RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin</b> MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
<b>STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach</b> THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.
<b>SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island</b> JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>TAILFINS, Destin</b> RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 6-9 p.m.
<b>30AVENUE, Inlet Beach</b> CONTINUUM, 6-9 p.m. <i>Music on the Green</i>
<b>VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola</b> PASSAFIRE, 7 p.m. <i>Longshot Summer Tour</i>
<b>FRIDAY, AUG. 4</b>
<b>AJ’S, Destin</b> AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m. THE ANTEEKS, 10 p.m.
<b>AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach</b> RFS, 3 p.m.
<b>AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island</b> BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m. ALEXA BURROUGHS, 8 p.m.
<b>AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com</b> GRAPE DRINK, 8 p.m.-Midnight
<b>BIG RUMORS, Navarre</b> JIMMY JAMES, 8 p.m.
<b>BLUE DUNES GRILL, Miramar Beach</b> KYLE LaMONICA, 5 p.m.
<b>BRIC A BRAC, Destin</b> JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.
<b>CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com</b> TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.
<b>CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com</b> DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.
<b>CLUB LA, Destin</b> RUST & GOLD, 7 p.m. <i>The Neil Young tribute band plays a benefit for the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation’s Community Outreach Program.</i>
<b>FORT WALTON YACHT CLUB, Fort Walton Beach</b> COCONUT RADIO, 7 p.m.



Live Music

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,**  
**850-424-6650**  
MOSE WILSON & THE DELTA TWANG, 9 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
JOHNNY NO, 9 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BRUCE SALMON, 4-7 p.m.

**HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf**  
AMY HART & OFF THE WALL BAND, 6 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.  
HUNDRED DOLLAR CAR, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.

**KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
FINGA FAYA, 4-7 p.m.

**LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
**lulubuffett.com/destin**  
HUNDRED DOLLAR CAR, Noon  
*Summer Roof Stage Series*

**MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

**THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
LUKE LANGFORD & 331 SOUTH,  
7:30-10:30 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 1 p.m.

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach**  
MARI GLEASON, 5 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

**30A STORE, Seagrove Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
THE SPUNK MONKEYS, 9 p.m.

**TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
RONNIE McBRAYER & THE BACKSLIDERS,  
7-9 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-10 p.m.  
*Baytowne Live*

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
WANDA JACKSON – NIK FLAGSTAR AND HIS  
DIRTY MANGY DOGS

**WORLD OF BEER, Destin**  
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

**AJ’S, Destin**  
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 6 p.m.

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.

**AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
GRAPE DRINK, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin,**  
**CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.

**COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
POST PLUTO, 9 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin,**  
**EmeraldGrande.com**  
THE MOON LAGOONS, 7-9 p.m.  
*Rock the Docks*

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
BO ADAMS, 6-10 p.m.  
HUNDRED DOLLAR CAR, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**LJ SCHOONER’S, Niceville**  
ED WRANN, 7-11 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
**lulubuffett.com/destin**  
THE GRAYTONES, Noon  
*Summer Roof Stage Series*

**MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-9 p.m.  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

**THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach**  
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

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**SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HUCK AND LILLY, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.  
*Taco Tuesday*

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 6-9 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**  
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 p.m.  
*Baytowne Live*

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

**AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com**  
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9 p.m.  
*Fireworks on the stage, followed by fireworks over the Gulf at 9.*

**BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**  
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

**BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

**FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

**MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
COCONUT RADIO, 2 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE MEMPHIS STRANGE, 7 p.m.

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 7-9 p.m.  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*

**WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD (Sandollar Lounge), 7-10 p.m.



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## Events

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# Poetry + Music + Wine for Okaloosa Arts Alliance July 30

Join the **Okaloosa Arts Alliance** (OAA) Sunday, **July 30**, from 2 to 4 p.m. for Poetry, Music & Wine at Shalimar's Twisted Grape. Friends and supporters of the arts will enjoy great food, wine, drawings and an open mic for poets and musicians to read, improvise and perform together.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 for two, available at [www.okaloosaarts.org](http://www.okaloosaarts.org) or by calling or emailing Amy at 850-499-8335 and [amybaty1@gmail.com](mailto:amybaty1@gmail.com) respectively. Your ticket covers food and five wine tastings. All proceeds will benefit the Okaloosa Arts Alliance.

The OAA is the officially designated non-profit arts agency for Okaloosa County with the mission of supporting and promoting art and culture in Okaloosa County. The Okaloosa Arts Alliance enhances the cultural environment of its community, and promotes, coordinates, and nurtures high quality arts and cultural resources that enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

The OAA is supported in part by the Florida Department of State and from Arts auto license tag revenues but could not exist without its members and community support.

- Amy Baty-Herbert

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**All Proceeds to benefit the Okaloosa Arts Alliance**

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

#### BIKE NIGHT

Lagerheads, Navarre Beach, 7:30-10 p.m.

Ride on out for \$6 burger and beer specials and \$1.50 Bud Light. Plus prizes!

#### MAGICAL THURSDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 and 8 p.m.

[www.BaytowneWharf.com](http://www.BaytowneWharf.com)

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#### ONEBLOOD DRIVE

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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#### RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9:15 p.m.

[www.EmeraldGrande.com](http://www.EmeraldGrande.com)

A salute to a local hero, plus presentation of the colors, WWII vintage air show, entertainment from **The Village Belles**, fireworks at 9, and fire spinning from **Just Add Fire**.

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

#### GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

[www.GrandBoulevard.com](http://www.GrandBoulevard.com)

Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally-sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

#### "RED, WHITE & BREW"

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 7 p.m.

850-678-2615

Enjoy a unique food, wine and beer tasting event, along with the museum's fascinating historic exhibits. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for museum members). Call the number above to purchase, or visit [Heritage-Museum.org](http://Heritage-Museum.org).

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

#### INDUSTRY NIGHT

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight

[www.ALsBeachClub.com](http://www.ALsBeachClub.com)

Specials on Bud Light, plus \$3 fireballs.

### MONDAY, JULY 31

#### HARRY POTTER YOUNG WITCH AND WIZARD PREP SCHOOL

Fort Walton Beach Public Library, 2-5 p.m.

Prepare your child for his or her tutelage at Hogwarts. Activities geared toward ages 7-13.

#### HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

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Fly-board king **Ben Merrell** soars over the Baytowne lagoon and makes waves.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 1

#### BOOMIN' TUESDAY

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Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

#### FAT TUESDAY PARADE

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Giant beer pong, hula hooping, corn holing, limbo and more.

#### SANDESTIN LUAU

Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Miramar Beach, 6-8:30 p.m.

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#### TEEN NIGHT

Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 9 p.m.-Midnight

[www.fudpucker.com](http://www.fudpucker.com)

For ages 14-17. Cost is \$15 per person, and VIP tickets are available.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

#### OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREWORKS

The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 p.m.

[www.TheBoardwalkOI.com](http://www.TheBoardwalkOI.com)

Celebrate summer, and enter to win a three-day, two-night stay with ResortQuest Gulf Coast.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 3

#### LIP SYNC BATTLES

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight

[www.ALsBeachClub.com](http://www.ALsBeachClub.com)

Your opportunity to dig out those shredded jeans and own the stage.

#### MAGICAL THURSDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 and 8 p.m.

[www.BaytowneWharf.com](http://www.BaytowneWharf.com)

Join the ubiquitous pirate **Captain Davy** for two adventures on stage.

#### PLANETARIUM NIGHTS

Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

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## HOGWARTS ALUMNI PARTY

Fort Walton Beach Public Library, 5-8 p.m.  
850-833-9590  
FREE event for ages 14-90 (sorry, 91-year-olds). Grown-up wizards and witches will enjoy live music from **Qwerty**, games and treats. Come as you are, or come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character. Reservations required—call the number above.

## KIDS' BASKET WEAVING

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
850-678-2615  
For ages 8 to 18. Children will experience “the excitement of weaving a functional basket that will last forever.” Cost is \$40 (\$35 for museum members). Call the number above to preregister (required), or visit **Heritage-Museum.org**.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 6

### INDUSTRY NIGHT

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## TUESDAY, AUG. 8

### AJ'S BACK TO SCHOOL FINAL FLING

AJ's, Destin, 4-6 p.m.  
**www.eventbrite.com**  
FREE hot dogs, popcorn and soda, plus a screening of *The Lego Batman Movie* on the Jumbotron screen.

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Photos submitted by Ken Hair.

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## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

### THE EVOLUTION OF BOURBON TASTING

TASTE, Fort Walton Beach, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

850-226-7417

Join Heaven Hill Distillery's Whiskey Ambassador **Bernie Lubbers** for a tasting you won't forget (unless you sample too much). Tickets are \$30, paid in advance.

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The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 p.m.

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## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9- SUNDAY, AUG. 13

### EMERALD COAST FOUNDATION POKER RUN & BOAT WEEK

#### www.EmeraldCoastPokerRun.com

Powerboats and family boats alike fill the waterways for five days in one of the country's top three largest boating poker runs. This year's event benefits **Children in Crisis, The Eleanor Johnson Youth Center, All Sports and The Arc of the Emerald Coast**. Kickoff party Wednesday at AJ's on the Bayou in Fort Walton Beach, followed by the Miss Boat Week Bikini Contest Thursday at the Block and Friday's Captain's Party at AJ's in Destin. Saturday, **Aug. 12**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it's the run followed by a huge party at the Emerald Coast Convention Center.

# Beachside Worship Services

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1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

## DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER

Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service at the Crab Trap, Scenic 98, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); summer service at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 10 a.m. (combined traditions and Xalt); sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 6:30 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

## FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE

Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

## GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834

U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email [pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org](mailto:pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org).

## RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

## SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

## SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. [www.saintritaeparish.org](http://www.saintritaeparish.org).

## SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

## SHORELINE CHURCH

Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or [www.shorelinechurch.net](http://www.shorelinechurch.net).

## ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

## ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

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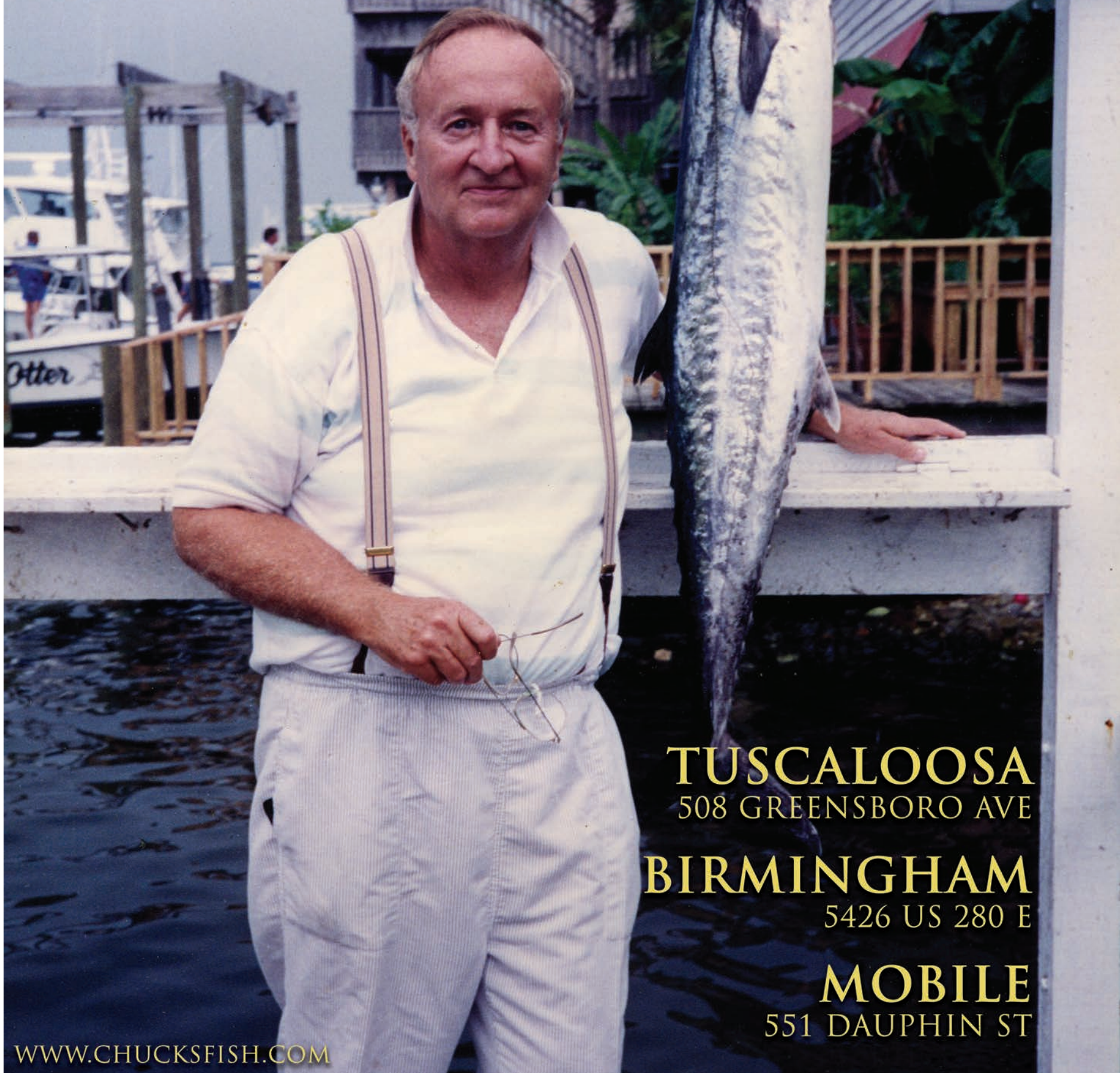
Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

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FARMERS' MARKETS

**30A FARMERS' MARKETS** Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS’ MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS’ MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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**REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest’s* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. [www.regattabay.com](http://www.regattabay.com).

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**BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK** Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

**BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK** NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH** Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

**BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK** Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

**CAMP HELEN STATE PARK** offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

**CESSNA BAY** Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

**CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK** This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

**DUNE ALLEN** In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

**ED WALLINE** A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped

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**EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK** An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

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**GRAYTON DUNES** Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

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**GULFVIEW HEIGHTS** Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

**HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK** This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.





**INLET BEACH** This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

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# SWIM – The Great Florida Hurricane Barrier

By Wynn Parks

“Science faction” writers like Jules Verne have demonstrated an uncanny ability to envision, perhaps determine, the direction of technological and social development via aluminized sails propelled by solar winds and dystopian politics in drug-controlled societies... all regarded as farfetched in their time.

Even with that historical precedent, the writer hesitantly ventures the observation that for many along the Florida Gulf Coast, hurricane season has lost its romantic ambience and devolved into a seasonal game of dodge ball with the ball being a 100-mile-an-hour wind. Most would agree that a remedy is needed for the dreary chores of hammer and nail, the dismal shifting of potted plants out of the wind, the frenzied jockeying for gas-pumps—ultimately, a sorely needed respite from the yearly ravishment of our coast by foreign-spawned storms.

Simply put, we need a way to stop hurricanes coming to our shores.

Since the concept of constructing hurricane barriers to protect our coast has been neither conceived nor considered by government or private corporations, the writer hopes—with the assistance of geophysicist and illustrator John C. Holden—to plant a seed that in this age of looming climate change will benefit cyclone regions globally.

Both members of our *ad hoc* Surface Water Intervention Mechanisms (SWIM) team are trained scientists. To wit, Professor Holden and the writer are fellows in good standing of the International Stop Continental Drift Society. Both have extensive experience with years of collaborative geological “mind experiments.” Holden is a former NOAA Geologist, the writer a home brewmeister who majored in physics and chemistry.

The SWIM project is this group’s proposal to establish the Florida Gulf Coast’s first hurricane barrier. While appearing gargantuan in scope, in principle it is a relatively simple undertaking—well within the technological scope that the oil industry has demonstrated in the establishment of its deep-water oil well heads.

Embedded within the collective consciousness of most Floridians is the knowledge that the temperature of the Gulf waters determines whether any given storm will fizzle or intensify. Eighty degrees Fahrenheit is the critical temperature. So the simple principle upon which the proposed hurricane barrier would operate is to cool the water in the path of a storm, with

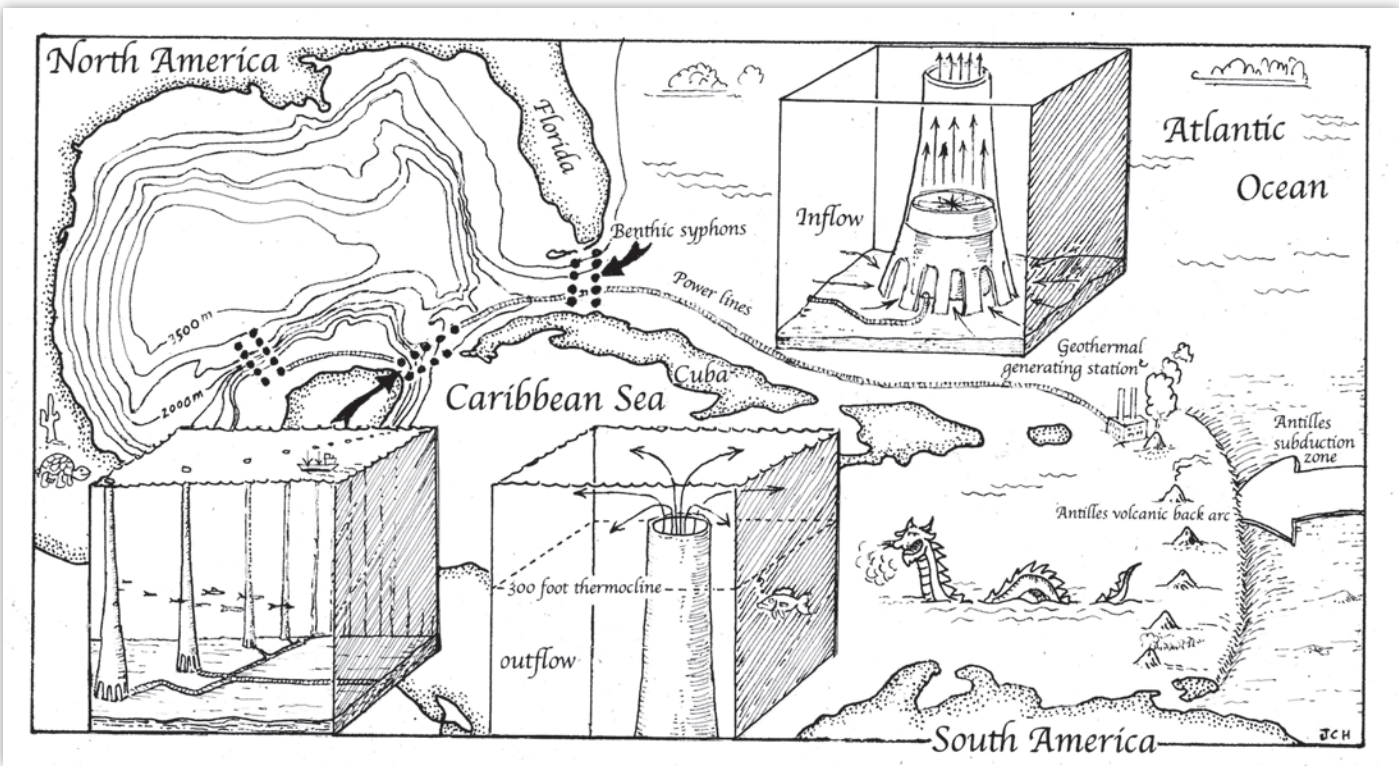


Illustration by Jack Holden.

surface water temperature lower than 80 degrees.

Though the average depth of the Gulf of Mexico is 5,000 feet, the Sigsbee Deep in the middle of the Gulf basin reaches a depth of 12,000. Water temperatures drop off with depth, and approach freezing at the bottom. From 300 feet to the surface is what’s called the Gulf’s *Summer Thermocline*. That layer acts as the heat source upon which storms feed. So the cooling of the upper layer of water could be accomplished by pumping deep “benthic” waters into the upper 300 feet of surface water.

In the proposed SWIM project, cool water would be lifted into the Thermocline by *Benthic Siphons*—large, concrete chimneys resembling nuclear power plants, with diameters as large as a football field is long; enclosing turbines, the size of oil-tanker propellers. The impracticality of cooling the Gulf’s entire 615,000-square-mile surface goes without saying, but topographic maps of the Gulf’s floor reveal that, aside from storm tracks crossing dry land, the Gulf basin offers only two primary open water routes into it.

To the east, the Florida Straits, along the north coast of Cuba, lead from the Atlantic into the Gulf, and to the south is the Cuba-Yucatan Strait leading in from the Caribbean. It is the contention of the SWIM team that, by establishing parallel arrays of Benthic Siphons in these two relatively shallow straits, a large percentage of the storms entering the Gulf of Mexico might be either dissipated or degraded. As the technology and experience in establishing Benthic Siphon arrays progress, additional

B.S. arrays might be added along the U.S. Gulf Coast itself, not to mention other such continental shelving as the Yucatan Banks.

Power supply to those B.S. array fields would be routine, since it would utilize “old” technology, and the initial investment in marine cable between the volcanically active subduction zone in the Antilles would be quickly returned by the renewable and abundant geothermal power available there.

The environmental impact of the proposed hurricane barriers would, logically, be negligible, since the appropriate B.S. field would be activated in the paths of storms for

short durations only, and the regions of surface water affected would never need to be outside the normal yearly temperature variation of Gulf waters.

As mentioned above, the expertise to undertake the SWIM project is well within current U.S. oil spill technology. However, financial resources for a SWIM Project would probably be beyond the taxpayers of Florida alone. As beneficiaries, the other Gulf Coast states might be called upon to share the expenses of a hurricane barrier.

Certainly Mexico, a major beneficiary with an eastern coast three and a half times that of the U.S., plus lower labor costs, would be an ideal investor as well.

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# DVR Alert: “Pickler” Returns for Season Three



The cast of CMT’s I LOVE KELLIE PICKLER. Those are our pals Andi and Ken Johnson on the far right.

*I Love Kellie Pickler*, the reality show documenting the life of a country music diva, returns to CMT **Aug. 3**. The show also features Pickler’s songwriter husband Kyle Jacobs and our pals **Andi and Ken Johnson**, who were recently on *Beachcomber*’s cover.

“There will be a bunch more fun shenanigans that Kellie and Kyle get into, many times roping their friends in, too,” says Andi. “There will be ATV riding with country music superstar Lee Brice, new music from Kellie, Kyle

and Kellie doing some special work with the USO, and, of course, some great new recipes from Ken for this season’s Hillbilly Supper Club.”

According to our insider, you can also look forward to the following on Season 3 of *I Love Kellie Pickler*:

Ball Gowns  
Ice Baths  
Squirrels  
Catfish  
Drinking Out of a Boot

## OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

### JULY 28

- Atomic Blonde.** Charlize Theron, James McAvoy.
- Brigsby Bear.** Kyle Mooney, who may or may not be returning to *SNL* this fall.
- The Emoji Movie.** From the people that brought us *The Fidget Spinner Movie*.
- An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power.** Windbag Al Gore stars in this sequel to his Oscar-winning snoozefest *An Inconvenient Truth*. But we do believe climate change is real.
- Menashe.** Acclaimed family drama set in New York’s ultra-orthodox Hasidic Jewish community.

### AUG. 4

- The Dark Tower.** Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey. From the Stephen King book.
- Detroit.** Kathryn Bigelow dramatizes the civil unrest of 1967.
- Kidnap.** Single mom Halle Berry’s life gets turned upside down.
- Step.** Documentary about an inner-city girls’ high school step dance team.

Source: [www.metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com)

## UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

### AUG. 1

- Colossal.** Anne Hathaway.
- Going in Style.** Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin get their remake on.

### AUG. 8

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul**
- Snatched.** Amy Schumer, Goldie Hawn.

Source: [www.metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com)

## LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

### FRIDAY, JULY 28

- “MOANA”**  
*Seaside Amphitheater, 8 p.m.*  
FREE. Is it just us, or does Moana bear a striking resemblance to Beachcomberland musician Danni Coyote?

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

- “SING”**  
*Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 7:30 p.m. (or Dark, Whichever Comes First)*  
**UptownStation.com**  
Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a FREE outdoor presentation of this family favorite.

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

- “WALL\*E”**  
*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 8 p.m.*  
**BaytowneWharf.com**  
FREE screening of the one of Disney-Pixar’s most enduring movies on the Events Plaza lawn.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 4

- “BRAVE”**  
*Seaside Amphitheater, 8 p.m.*  
FREE under the stars screening of this inspiring kid flick about princesses, archery.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 5

- “MONSTER TRUCKS”**  
*Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 7:30 p.m. (or Dark, Whichever Comes First)*  
**UptownStation.com**  
Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a FREE outdoor movie, in which trucks come to life. We hope Stephen King got a piece of the box office.

### SUNDAY, JULY 16

- “THE INCREDIBLES”**  
*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 8 p.m.*  
**BaytowneWharf.com**  
FREE screening of the wildly entertaining animated flick on the Events Plaza lawn.

## STREAM ON



**Catastrophe**  
Amazon  
*Catastrophe* is a British sitcom written and created by Sharon Horgan and Rob Delaney, who star as the show’s leading couple, Rob and Sharon. They meet while Rob is visiting London on business, where their frequent vacation sex leads to pregnancy, which leads to them figuring out their lives together. The show brilliantly and comically deals with the complicated matters of marriage, parenthood, addiction, grief and much more, painting a complex picture of this crude and deeply endearing couple. Seasons 1 through 3 are now streaming on Amazon.

- Jane Morgan



**Good Girls Revolt**  
Amazon  
Said to be inspired by real life events, *Good Girls Revolt* tells the story of female researchers who band together to file an EOE complaint after being denied bylines at a weekly magazine circa 1969. The show’s strength is in the character development, particularly Patti, Cindy, Jane and editor Finn—they don’t just change, they evolve authentically with every episode. This, plus the throwback music, groovy fashion statements, and name checking (Nora Ephron, as played by Meryl Streep’s daughter Grace Gummer, is a recurring character) make for a highly entertaining—maybe even mildly captivating—show.

- Joni Williams



# Now You See Them, Now You Don't... Kid Magicians Kadan and Brooklyn Rockett

By Samantha Lambert

**Brother-sister duo Kadan Bart Rockett and Brooklyn Nicole Rockett** are recognized as the youngest professional magicians-illusionists in the world. Ages 11 and 10 respectively, the siblings have been immersed in a world of magic since they were toddlers. Presently performing at the Bart Rockett Theater in Harborwalk Village, their show is a treat for the whole family.

Kadan and Brooklyn are based in Los Angeles. They are known worldwide for their unique take on magic, using everyday objects to create hilarious and mind-blowing illusions. In 2016, they were finalists on NBC's *America's Got Talent* and the youngest act to make it to the finals in the history of the show.

The two are veterans of over 1,000 shows. Recent television appearances include Harry Connick Jr.'s talk show, *The Today Show*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and *Access Hollywood Live*. Kadan has appeared in movies (including *Dark Skies* with Keri Russell) and on

numerous television shows (CBS's *Rush Hour*). Together, the siblings have starred in 20 national commercials.

Their father Bart Rockett is a world-class magician, illusionist and ventriloquist. He has headlined at his own 1,000-seat theater in Branson, Missouri, for eight seasons and has appeared on numerous television programs. He has performed at Harborwalk Village for the past two years and directs his children's shows. Their mother does all of their costumes, and their stepfather is the stage manager.

The show is very interactive, with members of the audience invited on stage to participate in magic tricks. Kadan and Brooklyn banter with each other and the audience throughout the performance. The siblings have a great stage presence and perform amazing magic tricks and illusions, adding something new each week.

The duo have circled the globe, appearing on television in more than 100 countries. "My favorite country to visit was Estonia," says Kadan. "It



Kadan and Brooklyn backstage with the parents at Harborwalk Village.

Photo by Samantha Lambert.

was like stepping into a fairy tale. I was surprised."

"I liked Estonia and also visiting Paris!" adds Brooklyn.

"We have friends all over the world, but our best friends live in California. Our friends treat us like normal kids," says Kadan. Both Kadan and Brooklyn attend school online. Kadan's favorite subjects are math and science, while Brooklyn's are science and history. Inspiration comes from David Copperfield (Kadan) and Penn and Teller (Brooklyn).

When asked what they like most about performing, the kids sit and think for a moment. "I like bringing people into our world where they can forget their worries for awhile," says Kadan. "Fans really mean a lot to us."

"I like traveling all over the world," says Brooklyn. The siblings also enjoy creating television shows at home.

It's a busy summer for the siblings. They will be headlining a show in Colorado the last week of July and will be performing on Season 3 of *Little Big Shots*.

"Kadan and Brooklyn are inspiring to other kids," says Bart. "Kids see their show and go home and try magic. It does take hard work and dedication. The greatest compliment I have received about them was from Simon Cowell. He said the kids were the real deal and that I should be very proud."

Kadan and Brooklyn will be at the Bart Rockett Theater for just 10 more performances this summer. For more info, visit **DestinMagic.com**.



Kadan and Brooklyn in action.

Photo courtesy of Bart Rockett.



Kadan on NBC's AMERICA'S GOT TALENT.

Photo courtesy of Bart Rockett.



# Stage > Upcoming Shows

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

**ACT4MURDER'S "MURDER WITHOUT A CLUE"**  
*Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 7 p.m.*  
**www.act4murder.com**  
**Paula Hilton** and her award-winning cast get together for game night, with characters like "Colonel Custard" and "Mrs. Whitewash" inspired by a classic board game. Cost is \$49.95 per person and includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. VIP packages available.

**AWKWARD OXEN IMPROV HOUR**  
*Fonville Press, Alys Beach, 10 a.m.*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
FREE all ages show.

**AWKWARD OXEN LATE NITE IMPROV COMEDY**  
*The REP Theatre, Seaside, 10 p.m.*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
For ages 13 and up. Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15.

**EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "TAMING OF THE SHREW"**  
*Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 8 p.m.*  
**www.EmeraldCoastTheatre.org**  
FREE performance of the Shakespearean classic with a comic bent.

**HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.*  
**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

**"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.*  
**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

**ACT4MURDER'S "MURDER WITHOUT A CLUE"**  
*Samuel's Roadhouse, Crestview, 6 p.m.*  
**www.act4murder.com**  
Cost is \$38 per person and includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. VIP packages available.

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

**"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.*  
**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## MONDAY, JULY 31

**ADVENTURES IN ALYS**  
*Alys Beach, 10 a.m.*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
FREE show for all ages.

**KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.*  
**www.DestinMagic.com**

**MAXIMUM MAGIC DINNER SHOW**  
*Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.*  
For tickets, visit **www.Fudpucker.com**.

**"PINOCCHIO"**  
*Seaside Amphitheater, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
FREE show for all ages.

**PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND CREW**  
*Al's Beach Club, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*  
**www.ALsBeachClub.com**  
FREE for kiddies of all ages.

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**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## TUESDAY, AUG. 1

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*The REP Theatre, Seaside, 10 p.m.*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
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**HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.*  
**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

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*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.*  
**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

**"THE TALES OF KING ARTHUR"**  
*North Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach, 6:30*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
FREE show for all ages.

## THURSDAY, AUG. 3

**AWKWARD OXEN IMPROV HOUR**  
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**KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.*  
**www.DestinMagic.com**

## FRIDAY, AUG. 4

**STAGE CRAFTERS' "STEEL MAGNOLIAS"**  
*Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*  
**www.StageCraftersFWB.com**  
Robert Harling's beloved play, directed by **Melissa Wolf-Bates**. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for students), available at the door, at P.S. Gifts in Fort Walton Beach and Bayou Book Co. in Niceville, by phone at 850-243-1101, and online at the website listed above.

**"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.*  
**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## SATURDAY, AUG. 5

**KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.*  
**www.DestinMagic.com**

**STAGE CRAFTERS' "STEEL MAGNOLIAS"**  
*Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*  
**www.StageCraftersFWB.com**

## SUNDAY, AUG. 6

**KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.*  
**www.DestinMagic.com**

**STAGE CRAFTERS' "STEEL MAGNOLIAS"**  
*Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 2 p.m.*  
**www.StageCraftersFWB.com**

**"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"**  
*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.*  
**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## MONDAY, AUG. 7

**ADVENTURES IN ALYS**  
*Alys Beach, 10 a.m.*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
FREE show for all ages.

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*Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.*  
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**TheSTOKEDShow.com**

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

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*Alys Beach, 10 a.m.*  
**www.LoveTheREP.com**  
FREE show for all ages.

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# Preparing Your Puppy for Retriever School

*By Jenna Taylor  
Photos by Hunter Forbes*

**So, i'm a new dog mom.**

Hunter and I picked him up in April of this year in hopes of training him to retrieve ducks, trail blood (for deer), and shed hunt. You're probably thinking we have high hopes, right?

Well, we do. We picked up our little black lab, Bay, from River Bottom Retrievers in Orange Beach, Alabama and plan to drop him back off for training when he hits his six-month mark. Although he is going to get trained, there are still numerous things that you must do with your pup to ensure that he is ready for hunting school.

Believe it or not, I've known many people who have had their dogs denied because they lacked obedience or drive.

## **BASIC OBEDIENCE**

When you bring your dog to school, he should at least know the basics—being potty trained and kennel trained, heel, sit and stay, lay down and come. Without these basics, it's difficult for the trainer to begin working with your dog on retrieving.





**WALK/RUN**

Keeping your pup on a schedule walking and running is of the utmost importance. Walking your dog on a leash—preferably a choke collar—is the best way to teach the commands “come” and “here.” When they stray away from you, the collar will choke them, and they will naturally want to release that tension. Show them how by loosening the collar and walking alongside them.

Labrador Retrievers are especially known to have a lot of energy. As the owner, you must ensure that your dog either has a large area in which to run around or is able to get exercise daily by running.

**PLAY FETCH**

Get your dog seasoned with retrieving an object and bringing it back to you. You can take it to the next step by telling your dog “sit,” holding your dog back while you throw the object and let him retrieve the object when you point your arm and say “back.” Always have treats, and praise your dog when he does it right.

**WATER TRAINING**

Get your dog used to being in the water—a pool, the bay, a lake, etc. It came easy with Bay, as he gets in the pool every time he heads out the door. We have a water bug on our hands. Along with getting him used to the water, get a floating retriever dummy and have him fetch the object in the water.

Here’s another tip. Instead of purchasing treats, just get a Ziploc and fill it with a handful of dog food. This is healthier for your dog and much less expensive.





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## Real Estate Answers

# How Do Millennials and First-Time Homebuyers Affect the Market?

*Ready or not, the future generation is preparing to make its mark on society. They may soon dominate voting, they are having and raising children, and they are beginning to make their mark in the real estate industry.*

*This issue's question is answered by **Kerry Veach**, co-owner of RE/MAX Southern Real Estate, and **Jerry Sullivan** of Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate.*

*Veach, a lifelong resident of Destin, has been a licensed real estate broker in Florida for over 25 years and has a thorough knowledge of the Okaloosa County and Northwest Florida markets.*

*Sullivan has been involved in commercial and residential real estate for over 14 years, including management, construction and ownership of a successful real estate company here on the Emerald Coast.*

*Hughes is a market expert on 30A real estate.*

*Beachcomber readers are encouraged to submit their real estate questions to [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).*

*By Kerry Veach, RE/MAX Southern Real Estate*

**The largest living** generation at 92 million strong, millennials have transformed the home buying process. Or, more accurately, technology and the economy have changed the home buying process at a time when millennials came of age.

Those born between the years 1982 and 2000 are now ages 17-35, and with rising rent, they're looking to buy in the Destin and Santa Rosa Beach areas. This generation is entering the real estate market as first-time homebuyers; what's more, they hold the largest share of the first-time homebuyer demographic.

Their approach, however, is different because they were raised with the Internet and advanced technology, specifically smartphones. They're used to having information at their fingertips. That's why our RE/MAX Southern agents possess a strong online and social media presence. We also utilize sites like Zillow and Trulia to post Destin and 30A real estate.

Millennials do a lot of research online. They take virtual tours of homes, read reviews of neighborhood shops and restaurants, and even get a birds-eye view of the community using Google Maps. Then, when they are

*By Jerry Sullivan, Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate*

**At Century 21** Blue Marlin, we are encouraged to see the housing market continue to strengthen. In large part, we can attribute the incline to millennials and first-time homebuyers. Today's loan options for this portion of the buyer pool are abundant, including some that require no money down.

According to Ellie Mae, a software company that analyzes mortgage data, millennials are the largest group of homebuyers. At the beginning of 2017, millennials represented around 45 percent of all purchased loans, up from 42 percent year-to-year.

Such factors as the financial crisis and tougher lending policies, as well as student loan debt, have all contributed to delayed home buying activity by millennials. A majority of this segment of the population has delayed "major life events" such as buying a home, but that could be about to change—and this might have a major impact on a housing market that is struggling to meet current demand.

Currently starter homes, which are favorable to first-time homebuyers, are in short supply. In fact, when doing our research, we found five single-family homes in Destin available for purchase under \$250,000.

When it comes to calculating the effect of millennials and first-time homebuyers on the market, lower inventories plus high demand equal declining affordability. With fewer homes for sale, and more aging millennials ready



*Kerry Veach continued...*

ready to buy, they research agents on social media and often contact them by text.

When millennials ask questions, they want answers quickly. Subsequently, real estate agents have adapted by using the latest real estate apps and software.

One great thing about millennials is they are more optimistic about buying real estate than prior generations. More than 80 percent of millennials want to invest in a home, and 90 percent use a real estate agent.

In coming years, the biggest challenges millennial homebuyers will face are finding homes they want, in the locations they desire, at prices they can afford. That's where real estate agents' insight, like that of the RE/MAX Southern team, becomes invaluable.



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to enter the home market increasing demand, home prices are on the rise.

Another factor attributed to millennials and first-time buyers comes down to education. The Federal National Mortgage Association, commonly known as Fannie Mae, determined there was a correlation between higher education and higher annual salaries. Higher education and salary gains could make home ownership more accessible to some millennials, which might in turn raise the millennial homeownership rate by 1.5 percentage points in the next 20 years.

While the term "millennial" is often times seen as demeaning, the generational segment has a real ability to affect the market if they hit the books. For first-time buyers looking to become homeowners this year, it's important to do your homework.

First, determine your budget, then prioritize your requirements, and, finally, get pre-approved for a loan. While millennials may be living in a tighter lending environment than those before them, they do have one major advantage—low interest rates.

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# Lt. Col. Sam Lombardo

U.S. Army (Ret.)

**The sound of** crunching snow under your feet is a wonderful sound for most of us, but it created a very different emotion for then-Lieutenant **Sam Lombardo** in December 1944.

During the first days of the infamous Battle of the Bulge, Lombardo had personally taken on the task to lead his platoon across a minefield—one that had left two previously tasked soldiers bleeding, moaning and wounded in the snow.

“I told my sergeant to go ahead across the field and right in front of me he collapses,” explains Lombardo. “And at this point, I thought, *I am the leader here, and it’s my time to lead.*” That’s exactly what he did. For nearly 300 yards, step by step, Lt. Lombardo heard the *crunch, crunch, crunch* of snow as his boot broke through the layers of icy mixture to find solid ground and the relief of no explosion below it.

For hundreds of steps, Lombardo endured the repetitive stress. At the end of the field, he looked back, feeling blessed to still be alive, as others followed safely in his footsteps. Like all heroes, this was not the only instance of saving lives Lombardo exhibited without thoughts of his own safety.

A Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, a thankful wounded lieutenant rescued at night, repairing downed communications lines wherever he saw them, even leading a bayonet charge across an open field... Lombardo



Young Sam with his mother and sisters at Ellis Island.



Sam Lombardo as a young lieutenant...

accomplished all of these, but it wasn’t just these heroic battlefield acts that set Lombardo apart from others.

After six months of repeatedly being denied his request for an American flag, Lt. Lombardo led his company in creating their own Stars and Stripes from scrap materials and captured German flags. This simple flag led the troops that fought for control of the Remagen Bridge, a battle that ensured an earlier end to the war in Germany. This historic flag was given back to Lombardo by his men at the end of the war and is now on display at Fort Benning.

Fighting in World War II was not the first time Lombardo experienced adversity. He was a preteen Italian immigrant when he first saw New York’s harbor in October 1929. His family had fled the tyranny that had taken over his native Italy, but now they faced the uncertainty and despair of the Great Depression.

“For me, there was no Depression,” says Lombardo. “We just felt privileged to be here in America and living free.” He had learned early in life how to make the best of bad situations and used that to



...and today.

excel in life. Duty, as well as a loyalty to his newfound homeland, compelled Sam Lombardo to join the Army’s 110th Infantry Regiment, where he soon became an officer dedicated to protecting the American way. Just 10 years after entering this country to escape the fascism of Mussolini, Lombardo was off to free others from that same tyranny.

“I was in Germany at the end of the war and was put in charge of getting the buildings ready for the Nuremberg trials and the interrogation of German war criminals, which was an amazing assignment,” he says. “After this I learned Japanese, which is the best thing I ever did, I continued my diplomatic work in Japan for three tours.”

Lombardo continued to serve for 23 years, through three wars, and ended his military career as a lieutenant colonel. His Army retirement led to a second life, one with a passion for doing for others.

“I have been blessed,” he says. “I survived many battles and have many accomplishments to be proud of, but my favorite of all my awards and medals is the Four Chaplain’s Legion

of Honor.” He explains the award’s origin. “These four chaplains gave up their life vest, knowing it would mean certain death for each of them, to four soldiers on a transport ship sinking from the strike of a torpedo. Now that took courage.”

The Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion was awarded to Lombardo in 2006 for “extraordinary contribution to the well-being of others at the national or world level, to world peace, or to interfaith and inter-ethnic understanding.”

Everywhere Sam Lombardo has lived, he has been responsible for thousands of dollars being raised for many charities and inspiring others to do the same. A still-spry 98-year-old, he continues to give of his time, speaking and inspiring all of us while finding time to continue to support numerous charity events in our community.

“You just do what you have to do,” he says. “You do what’s right.”

Submissions for this feature are welcome. Send your candidate’s name and contact info to [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

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# Drift in for Great Burgers and Shakes at Al's on the Boardwalk

**Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson** has lately been sending me to review restaurants in the belly of the summer beast—not only places in SoWal and MidDest (middle of Destin—how's that, TDC?)—but also the Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island.

Sure, they are popular gathering spots for summer visitors, and yes, they fill up fast, and finding a parking space demands patience and cunning. But my family and I have had great success of late. Mostly it's a case of clearing one's schedule and getting there early.

**Al's Beach Club and Burger Bar** is reportedly the latest addition to the Boardwalk's stable of restaurants and entertainment establishments. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., the kitchen serves a single menu all day, allowing complete freedom to schedule your meal.

We got there right at 11 a.m. on a recent weekend, so we had a very short walk from car to restaurant. If you aren't a Boardwalk regular, pinpointing exactly where one restaurant ends and the next takes up might require some walking and asking questions. Fortunately, everyone there is happy to point you in the right direction. And if by chance you finding yourself walking into a room with tables, chairs, and no people, wherever you are is probably not yet open.

Al's Beach Club is a large, open-spaced area that fronts the beach, accessible by a few steps out and down. Inside the club (under a roof) there's a bandstand, dance floor, tables and chairs, and a huge bar, command center of the operation (and where they keep the liquor). There's also a set of colorful splash-equipped toys for kids to play on.

We went a table in the shade but in the path of a brisk Gulf breeze. My daughter Grace (the Tiny Diner) jumped into the splash games with some other kids, while my wife and I figured out lunch.

There are menus on the tables, and a large menu over the bar. As the name implies, Al's offers burgers, other sandwiches, salads and sides. There are two bases—hamburger and cheeseburger, with pickle, lettuce, onion and tomato relish, plus American, cheddar, pepper jack or Swiss. Custom toppings (extra) include bacon, avocado, jalapenos, and caramelized mushrooms

and onions. An extra patty can be added for a jumbo burger.

My wife ordered a burger with the base toppings and a side of house made sweet potato chips, with a cayenne brown sugar dusting and a maple Dijon mustard dipping sauce. TD got a kids-size burger, with fresh fruit on the side.

Other sandwich choices include grilled chicken, tuna, and Nathan's hot dogs (also available "loaded"). I could not pass up the tuna, with a side of hand cut fries.

You place your order at the bar, and your server brings it out via a homing device. While we were waiting, we noticed the place was filling up, from all sides and the beach—all ages, many in damp suits and wraps. The atmosphere was very casual, the staff all veterans, and everyone was getting what they needed. TD was enjoying the splashing and kid-fellowship.



The sandwiches came, all on brioche buns. Portions were generous. My wife's burger was thick and juicy, with just the right amount of fresh greenery to add moisture and crunch. The sweet potato chips were addictive, and so plentiful that we had to box them up.

My chunk of tuna was seared on the outside and warm pink as I like on the inside. The garnish was fresh pickled vegetables, cilantro, green onion, sesame seeds and a sweet chili soy sauce, hot, cool, sweet and sour. The fries were thick and lightly salted, and none went home.

The menu also offers dinner salads, and seasonal specials—onion rings, fried mac and cheese, bacon gravy fries, cheesy bacon fries, chicken tenders, and a sno-cone.



**AL'S BEACH CLUB  
AND BURGER BAR**  
1450 Miracle Strip  
Parkway SE  
Fort Walton Beach  
850-226-4100

**Hours:** Open Daily, 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

**Reservations:** Not Necessary

**Children's Menu:** Yes

**Dress:** Casual

Al's all-day menu offers burgers with a choice of toppings, chicken, tuna, sandwiches, salads and a long list of sides and seasonal specials. Great fries and memorable sweet potato chips. Save room for a homespun frozen custard shake, including some with grownup ingredients. Live music, dancing and stuff for kids, right on the beach. Full bar, \$7-12.



# A Dessert Lover's Paradise

*By Samantha Lambert*

*Photos by Darris Hartman Photography*

**What started as** a lifelong passion for baking and decorating has slowly blossomed into a thriving company. **Sarah Dewey** founded **Coastal Cookies** in 2016 after co-workers saw her adorable cookie creations online.

Coastal Cookies specializes in custom-ordered sugar cookies and cupcakes that are homemade and intricately hand-decorated. Cookies can be created for your next birthday party, bridal shower, holiday gift or celebration based on theme, desired color palette and special requests.

Dewey, a native of Birmingham, Michigan, moved to Destin during the summer of 2011. She worked for an uncle who owned a daiquiri bar and planned on returning to Michigan State at the end of the summer. Fate got in the way, and Dewey met her now-fiancé Jason. Her parents moved to Destin last year.

Dewey then worked as a local licensed real estate agent. She began creating cookies for open houses and closings. "Creating custom cookies became a passion," she says. Business became

so good that Dewey decided to leave her real estate job to devote more time to Coastal Cookies.

Coastal Cookies currently operates as a legal Cottage Food Business in the state of Florida, allowing Dewey to only accept local orders. She delivers the cookie orders herself or can meet people at local businesses. Cookies can be ordered seven days a week. There is an additional charge for delivering outside a certain radius.

"I currently do about three to four custom orders a week," says Dewey. "The process takes a lot of time. My mother is my number-one employee."

She specializes in sugar cookies with royal icing. Dewey creates many of the designs for the cookies herself. She is also beginning to create cupcakes and cakes now that she is working with the business full time.

She recently created a special order cake for Leigh Anne Tuohy, who was portrayed by Sandra Bullock in the movie *The Blind Side*.

"The next step is renting commercial kitchen space," says Dewey. "Someday



I would love to own my own bakery."

Up next for Dewey is a back to school celebration at the Grand Boulevard Farmers Market **Aug. 5**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will be there with specially decorated items symbolizing the return to the classroom. She would like to do more farmers markets, maybe two Saturdays a month.

Future plans for Coastal Cookies include children's birthday parties—with the kids decorating cookies—and baking classes aimed at teenagers and

adults. Dewey is also working on a home DIY cookie kit.

This cookie artist enjoys making people happy with her sweet creations. “It has been a fun journey so far,” says Dewey. “I’m just at the start of a new chapter in my life.”

Custom orders must be made far in advance and can be ordered at **[mycoastalcookies.com](http://mycoastalcookies.com)**. Order inquiries can also be made at **[Facebook.com/MyCoastalCookies](https://www.facebook.com/MyCoastalCookies)** and **[instagram.com/MyCoastalCookies](https://www.instagram.com/MyCoastalCookies)**





# Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com)!

## AMERICAN

**CALLAHAN'S** A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. [www.callahansdestin.com](http://www.callahansdestin.com). [www.facebook.com/callahansdestin](https://www.facebook.com/callahansdestin).

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. [www.CharliesBurgerBar.com](http://www.CharliesBurgerBar.com).

**HOOTERS** Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. [hootersonline.com](http://hootersonline.com).

## ASIAN

**LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE** Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

## BAKERIES

**CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II** Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, regulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French cream puffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

## BARBEQUE

**LILLIE'S Q** Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious

side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

## BREAKFAST & MORE

**ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFÉ** is the Emerald Coast's premier breakfast, brunch and lunch destination. Sip on one of our award-winning, house infused Bloody Marys while you dine on breakfast classics, memorable brunch dishes or lunchtime favorites. Grand Boulevard – 755 Grand Boulevard, Suite B-107, Miramar Beach, 850-424-3416. Sandestin – 9100 Baytowne Wharf Boulevard, Suite A-4, 850-622-2050. [www.anotherbrokenegg.com](http://www.anotherbrokenegg.com).

**ASIAGO'S SKILLET** There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. [www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet](http://www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet).

**BLUE COLLAR CAFE** Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

**CAMILLE'S CAFE** Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

**THE DONUT HOLE** Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

**THE DONUT HOLE** 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

**THE DONUT HOLE** 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

**THE LOCAL MARKET** Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

**THE PANCAKERY** Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

**TOMMY MATTONIE'S** Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of

Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. [www.tommymattonies.com](http://www.tommymattonies.com).

## BURGERS

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

## CASUAL DINING

**FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – DESTIN** Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 For Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts in a fun filled family atmosphere since 1982. Family entertainment is offered nightly with **The Fudnominals** interactive dance team, and Teen Night is held every Thursday and Friday. Download the Fud app for daily deals on food, drinks and merchandise. 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, across from Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-654-4200 or visit us at [www.fudpucker.com](http://www.fudpucker.com).

**HOG'S BREATH CAFE** A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a

varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" [www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin).

## CATERING


**BIG RED TRUCK** Specializing in private events and full service catering. 850-737-1185. [www.destinfoodtrucks.com](http://www.destinfoodtrucks.com).

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## CONTEMPORARY

**BUD & ALLEY'S** This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.



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# Eat for Advocacy July 31 at Panera Bread



**Bring friends, family and** co-workers for dinner at Panera Bread in Destin Commons for a fundraising night Monday, **July 31**, from 4 to 8 p.m. The restaurant will donate a portion of their proceeds to the **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center's (ECCAC)** Eating For Advocacy program.

Diners must bring a hard copy or show an electronic version of Panera

Bread's fundraising flyer (available at [www.eccac.org](http://www.eccac.org)). Contact Chelsea at 850-833-9237 ext. 256 or email [Chelsea@eccac.org](mailto:Chelsea@eccac.org) to have the flyer emailed to you.

Come out for a great meal, and get information about the many services ECCAC provides to abused and neglected kids in our community. For more info, visit [www.eccac.org](http://www.eccac.org).

- Kay Phelan



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## Bartender of the Issue



**Josh Durichkek**  
*The Other End, Destin*

Josh and wife Britney moved to Destin from Orlando last August after visiting here just a few times. "I've always wanted to live by the beach, and the Destin area is where we agreed on," says Josh. They saved up and came here with a two-month-old baby and no jobs.

Josh quickly landed a gig at the Other End and was drawn to its unique vibe. "It's Destin's only beer garden and is best known for its award-winning gourmet burgers and hand cut duck fat fries (served) out of an airstream trailer as a kitchen," he says. The Destin Harbor spot specializes in craft beer, with 16 beers on draft and a variety of 50 different bottles. "We try to feature as many of the local breweries as possible but also focus on variety with our beer selection. We use smaller one-sixth barrel kegs so we can constantly have something new and exciting on draft. You can come multiple times a week, and our draft selection won't ever look the same."

His role is "working manager," meaning Josh is responsible for ordering and selecting beers, writing schedules, hiring and training, plus all the day-to-day front of house tasks. He's also behind the Other End's bar five nights a week serving guests. "Before I moved to Destin, I held almost every title you can hold in the restaurant and bar business. I started at the host stand, and have since bussed, served, bartended and managed."

Josh says being behind a busy bar is where he's most comfortable. "If I'm having fun behind the bar, then guests are having fun. I enjoy meeting new people and hearing all of their crazy stories."

His hobbies include paddleboarding and being by the water. An avid sports fan, Josh roots for the Orlando Magic and New Orleans Saints. He is quick to add that most of his free time is spent with son Easton. "We're first time parents, and everyday is something new, amazing and challenging. And we both love it."

- Chris Manson



## Restaurant Guide

**LOUIS LOUIS** Louis Louis is another dining hit. This “sister” restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don’t skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

### ECLECTIC

**Café Thirty-A** Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

**THE RED BAR** The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you’ll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. [www.theredbar.com](http://www.theredbar.com).

**VIN’TIJ** Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

### FOOD TRUCKS

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### GERMAN/AMERICAN

**FOKKERS PUB** German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there’s something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

### HEALTHY DINING

**GEORGE’S AT ALYS BEACH** Established in 2008, George’s has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck

or screened porches. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, [georgesatalsbeach.net](http://georgesatalsbeach.net).

### IRISH

**JOHNNY MCTIGHE’S** Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe’s opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There’s even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. [www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com](http://www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com).

### ITALIAN

**TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO** Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

### LATIN / MEXICAN

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# WSRE 50th Anniversary Food & Wine Classic – and Chef Lidia – Coming in October

Local public television fans will want to save the dates for this year’s **WSRE Wine & Food Classic**, celebrating the station’s 50th broadcast year. A weekend of events is planned for **Oct. 20-22** as follows.

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 20

##### “Tastes Through the Decades” Wine & Food Tasting

*Hilton Pensacola Beach (Beachside Lawn), 6-9 p.m.*

Local chefs participate in this annual walkabout wine and food tasting, competing for the Earl Peyroux Culinary Legacy Award. Guests are encouraged to dress in 1960s attire. Wine sponsors are Silver Oak Winery and Republic National Distributing Company.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 21

##### “Milestones & Memories” Black Tie Gala

*Hilton Pensacola Beach (Ballroom), 7-11 p.m.*

This evening of dancing, distinguished guests, fine wines and a dinner presentation from the Emmy-winning host of *Lidia’s Kitchen*, **Chef Lidia**

**Bastianich**, will be the high point of WSRE’s year-long anniversary celebration.

Public television leaders **Pat Harrison**, Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) president and CEO, and **Paula Kerger**, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) president and CEO, are among the special guests expected to attend.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 22

##### “Celebrate Like an Italian” with Silver Oak Wines

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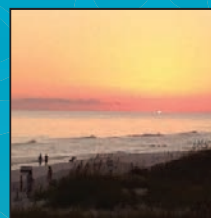
*Palafox Street, Pensacola, 1-3 p.m.*

Guests will sample wines from Silver Oak Winery and meet Chef Lidia Bastianich, who will be signing copies of her new cookbook, *Celebrate Like an Italian*.

A Bodacious Family of Shops is presenting sponsor. Call (850) 484-1054 for sponsorship details. Ticket sales and information will be made available by Sept. 1 at [www.wsre.org/wineandfood](http://www.wsre.org/wineandfood).

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HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-424-7417  
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**When:** 6-8 p.m. daily.  
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**FOKKER’S PUB**  
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach  
850-244-6666  
**When:** 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.  
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**45 CENTRAL WINE BAR**  
45 Central Square, Seaside  
850-231-4545  
**fortyfivecentral.com**  
**When:** 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.  
**Drink Specials:** Half off wine by the glass, \$1 off beer.

**FUDPUCKER’S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL**  
20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin  
850-654-4200  
**When:** All day long.  
**Drink Specials:** Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

**FUDPUCKER’S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL**  
1318 Miracle Strip Parkway, Okaloosa Island  
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**Drink Specials:** Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

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**HARRY T’S**  
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**HOG’S BREATH SALOON**  
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**When:** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to close, Mon.-Fri.  
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**JACKACUDAS**  
HarborWalk Village, Destin  
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**When:** Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.  
**Drink Specials:** Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

**JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE**  
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**When:** Monday-Friday, 10 p.m.-close.  
**Drink Specials:** \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 “Who’s to Blame” margaritas and “5 O’Clock Somewhere” cocktails.

**LANDSHARK’S PIZZA**  
300 Harbor Blvd., Destin  
850-424-6743

**When:** 3-6 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$1 off well drinks, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 wine.

**LA PAZ**  
950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin  
850-837-2247  
**When:** 4-6 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S**  
4607 Legendary Marina Drive, Destin  
850-710-LULU (5858)  
**When:** Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.  
**Drink Specials:** \$2 select drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3 glass house wines, \$4 rocks house Margaritas, \$6 frozen house Margaritas and Daiquiris.

**RED DOOR SALOON**  
240 Harbor Blvd., Destin  
**When:** Mon.-Fri., 3-7 p.m., \$1 off beer, wine and wells. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., two-for-one wells and beer.

**SAMMY’S**  
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach  
**When:** Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.  
**Drink Specials:** Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 a.m.

**VUE ON 30A**  
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# Rollin' in Soon to a Parking Lot Near You...

By Chris Manson

**How's this for** the coolest thing in ages? Tim Willi, the brains behind Fort Walton Vintage Records on Racetrack Road, and his brother Tom are ready to launch their brand new Rolling Record Store.

"The interior of the truck has been totally customized by Tim and will have the same type of bins that we use in the store," says Tom. As pictured here, the bins will be located on each side of the vehicle and can hold over 1,200 vinyl LPs.

Display rails for albums are located above the bins, and the Rolling Record Store is set up for cash and credit card sales.



The Willis are looking for a place in Destin to park the 20-foot step van, which is fully insured and does not require electricity or water. The Rolling Record Store is also available for special events and festivals.

We will certainly invite them to the next Beachcomber Music Awards in March 2018, but it would be a shame to have to wait that long to see this baby in action. Destin businesses—specifically, you guys on U.S. 98—call 850-384-6654 and let's get things rolling!



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# HARBORWALK™ VILLAGE

*Every Tuesday*

## FAT TUESDAY PARADE

7:00PM | PARADE ROLLS AT 8:30PM

Dazzling floats, beads and lots of swag during this FREE PARADE! Live music by The Village Brass Band and a stunning firespinning show on the main stage.

## Summer EVENTS

*Every Thursday*

## RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

7:00PM | FIREWORKS AT 9:00PM

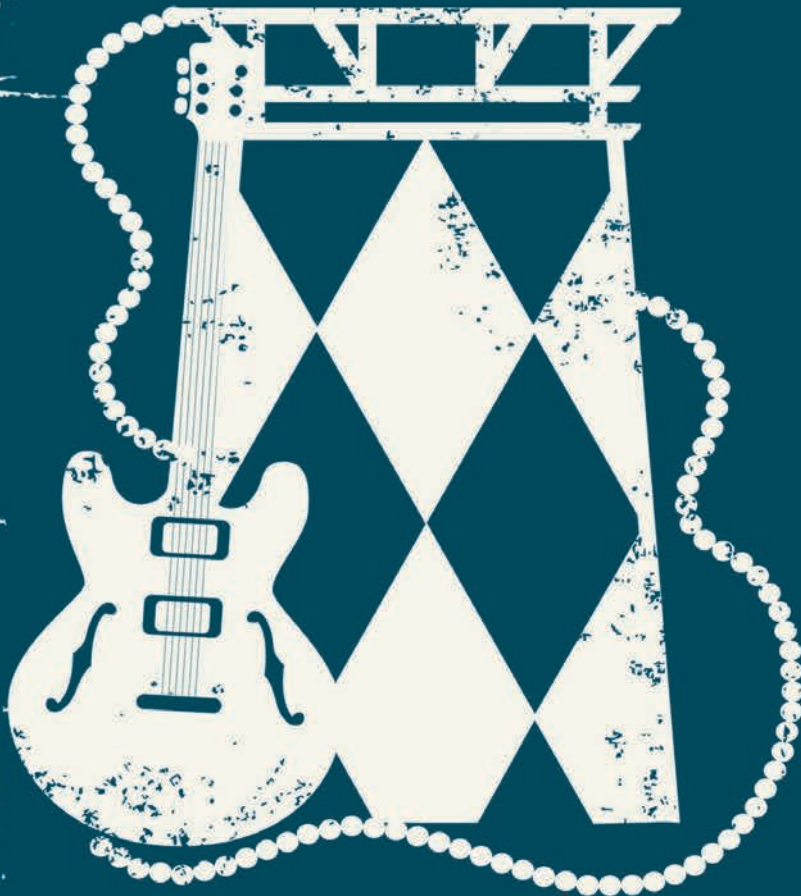
Destin salutes our heroes! Enjoy a vintage WWII airshow, live music by The Village Belles and a huge FIREWORKS FINALE!

*Every Saturday*

## ROCK THE DOCKS

CONCERT AT 7:00PM

Rock along the docks and under the stars with live FREE CONCERTS every Saturday night!



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